

Annexure 3

Amateur League Competitions

Part 1 – Amateur League

References in this document to the Amateur League refer specifically to the Mens Amateur League and do not include the Womens Amateur League.

Article 1 - Competition Format

1. All participating Clubs are required to field a first Team and a reserves Team.
2. A Club may not enter more than one Team in the same division. A Club may not enter teams in more than three divisions.
3. Teams will be ranked in their divisions according to the number of Competition points they accrue over the season.
4. The Team finishing in first place of each division at the conclusion of the season, will be declared the champion Team for that season. The order in which teams finish the Competition will be determined by the criteria specified in Article 2.
5. The Clubs finishing in first and second places of each first Team division at the end of the season will play in the division above in the following season, except in the case of the premier division.
6. The Club whose first Team finishes first in the Premier Division will occupy a promotion position to State League 2. Promotion is not compulsory, but a Club that intends to accept promotion if it finishes in the promotion position, must inform Football West of its intention to do so no later than **5:00pm on Monday 26 July 2021** subject to paragraph 7. For the avoidance of doubt, a Club will not be promoted if it does not advise Football West prior to this date, even if the Club's first Team subsequently finishes first in the Premier Division.
7. A Club that has teams in either the Senior NPLWA-M or Mens State League Competitions is ineligible for promotion to State League 2.
8. The Clubs finishing in the lowest two places of each first Team division at the end of the season will play in the division below in the following season, with the exception of the lowest ranked division.
9. Football West reserves the right to alter promotion and relegation rules if one or more Clubs withdraws from the Amateur League either during or after the season, or in cases where there are fewer than 12 teams in any division. Any such change in rules will be determined in consultation with the Amateur, Social & Masters Standing Committee.
10. The Club which finishes in the lowest position of the lowest division will be relegated to the Mens Metropolitan League if the Club which finishes in first position in the Mens Metropolitan League Premier Division accepts the offer of promotion to the Amateur League.
11. If enacting paragraphs 5 and 6 causes paragraph 2 to be breached, then Football West will determine which Clubs are promoted and relegated, if any.
12. Should a vacancy be created in any division before the commencement of the following season, then the vacancy will be filled through a process determined by Football West or in consultation with the Amateur, Social & Masters Standing Committee.
13. Should circumstances arise that prevent a Competition from being completed in a manner with inequity, Football West reserves the right to make a determination as to how that Competition will be finalised. All affected Clubs and the Amateur, Social and Masters Standing Committee will be consulted before a decision is made.

Article 2 - Competition Points

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 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 State League

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 last place in State League Division 2 will be relegated to the Amateur Premier Division.
2. Should the Team that finishes in first position in the 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 4 - Individual Awards

1. A Fairest and Best prize will be awarded to the best first team Player in each division.
2. The Match 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 first team 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 Committee during the regular season, he will be ineligible to win the

Fairest and Best Award for that season.

6. An award will be presented to the Player who scores the most goals in his division 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.
7. The Match Referee for each Match will award a vote for the best Goalkeeper in every Amateur Premier League First Team Match. The Player who receives the most votes over the course of the season will win the Goalkeeper of the Year prize.

Article 5 - Venue

1. The home venue of Amateur League Clubs must meet the criteria of a Class C venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
2. 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 in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
3. 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 Amateur League Club.
4. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West matches.
5. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Amateur League Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

Article 6 - Matches

1. 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.
2. The duration of the half time interval will be 15 minutes.
3. All reserve Team matches must start at 1:00pm subject to paragraph 5.
4. All first Team matches must start at 3:00pm subject to paragraph 5.
5. Football West has discretion to allow modification to the kick-off times described in paragraphs 3 and 4 for any reason it deems suitable.
6. The Referee must adjust the duration of a reserves Match to ensure that the first Team Match commences at the scheduled kick-off time.
7. When a Match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 3, each Match Official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal Match fee.
8. The technical area may have a maximum of 8 occupants, consisting of a maximum of 5 named substitutes and a maximum of 3 Team Officials.
9. All substitutes must be seated within the technical area unless warming up.
10. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside the technical area, provided they are wearing different colours to both teams and the Match Officials.
11. Substitutes in reserves teams are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match. All substitutes in reserves teams are able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions.
12. In the event that a Club does not have sufficient Players to field a reserve and first Team, the first Team will take priority.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. 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.
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16. The result of each Match must be entered into SportsTG by the home Club no later than 8:00pm on the day of the Match, unless the Match kicks off after 3:30pm.
Penalty for Breach \$50
17. 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 will be borne by the home Club.
18. Football West may from time to time nominate any Match as being under the direct control of Football West. In such circumstances, Football West will determine the conditions under which the Match is to be played.
19. Football West will, whenever possible, allocate Match Commissioners to all Premier Division first Team matches. A Match Commissioner is a Match Official and has the same status as Referees and Assistant Referees.

Article 7 - Ground Marshals

1. Each Club must appoint ground marshals who are 18 years of age or older whose duties are:
 - a) to ensure the security and safety of Players, Match Officials and Club officials;
 - b) to supervise the conduct of ball persons if provided;
 - c) to liaise with Club officials and emergency services if required;
 - d) to ensure the security of the venue, Players, Match Officials and Club officials at the conclusion of the Match; and to provide an escort for the Referee to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period.
2. The home Club must provide at least two ground marshals for each first Team and reserves Team Match.
Penalty for Breach \$50
3. The away Club must provide at least two ground marshals for each first Team Match and one ground marshal for each reserves Team Match.
Penalty for Breach \$50
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 working in a canteen may not be a ground marshal).
6. All ground marshals must wear the ground marshal 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 Match Officials at least fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.

Article 8 - Match Documentation

1. Electronic Match Cards and Electronic Match Sheets will be used in the 2021 season.
2. All Amateur League Competitions will use Electronic Match Sheets and Electronic Match Cards.
3. Electronic Match Sheets must be completely and accurately filled out 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.
Penalty for Breach (no Team Official list submitted) Forfeit & \$200 Fine
4. A complete Match Sheet is defined as a sheet which includes:
 1. All Player names;
 2. All Players assigned a correct shirt number;
 3. All Team Official officials listed;
 4. Eligible overage Players denoted; and
 5. Starting Players assigned.
5. A Team Official must enter a complete Electronic Match Card for every Match
Penalty for Breach \$100 Fine
6. All Team Official 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
7. The Home Club is responsible for entering the Final score of the Match.
8. 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 Match.
9. At the conclusion of each Match, 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 Match.
10. The Team Official list received by Football West will be accepted as the facts relating to the Match.
11. A Club may contact Football West if it believes that the details on the Match documentation have misidentified a goal scorer or substitute.
12. Goal scorer(s) for a particular fixture cannot be contested following the commencement of a subsequent round.
13. 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

Article 9 - Players

1. Players who are designated professional Players in accordance with the National Registration Regulations may not participate in the Amateur League.
Penalty for Breach Forfeit
2. To be eligible to play in the Amateur League, a Player must have been born in 2004 or earlier unless otherwise deemed eligible at the discretion of Football West.
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 Match.
4. The following restrictions apply to Players moving between teams unless a written exemption is issued by Football West:
 - a) Once a Player has taken the field in an NPL first Team game they are ineligible to participate in either Amateur League, Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same season.
 - b) Once a Player has taken the field in 3 State League first Team games, they are ineligible to participate in either Amateur League, Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same season.
 - c) Once a Player has taken the field in 10 State League reserve Team games, they are ineligible to participate in either Amateur League, Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same season, unless they play as a goalkeeper only.
 - d) Once a Player has taken the field in 3 Amateur League first Team games, they are ineligible to participate in either Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same season, unless they play as a goalkeeper only.
 - e) Once a Player has taken the field in 10 Amateur League reserve Team games, they are ineligible to participate in either Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same season, unless they play as a goalkeeper only.
5. A Player may not be named on two separate Team lists within the Amateur League on the same day, unless the two Team lists are those of a first and its associated reserves Team.
6. Once a Player has taken the field of play in a first Team of the Amateur League on eleven occasions, he may not appear on the Team list of any other Team in a lower ranked division for the same Club. This rule does not apply to Players who may play in the first Team or reserves Team of the same division.

Article 10 - Proof of Registration

1. Proof of Registration as described in the Competition Rules must be provided to the opposition Club along with the Team list before each Match commences. If any Club is unable to provide proof of registration, the Match may proceed, but the Referee MUST submit a report to Football West stating that the Club in question failed to provide proof of registration. The opposition Club must return the Proof of Registration to each Club at the end of the Match.
2. If a Club notices a discrepancy in the opposition's proof of registration, it MUST draw it to the attention of the Referee. In such cases, the Referee MUST submit a report to Football West. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not the Referee's role to make a judgment on the validity of the

discrepancy but rather to simply report it to Football West. Regardless of any alleged discrepancy, the Match must be allowed to proceed. For the avoidance of doubt, the Referee has no authority to stop a Player from taking the field of play based on any discrepancy in that Player's proof of registration.

3. A Player eligibility protest on the grounds of failure to produce Proof of Registration will only be accepted if a report has been received by Football West from the Referee.

Article 11 - Playing Strips

1. All Clubs must nominate a home and alternative playing strip.
2. A Team whose shirts comprise vertical stripes must have a plain coloured background on the back of each shirt on which the number is placed. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the colour of the aforementioned background.

Penalty for Breach **\$50**

3. In any Match, if the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the Referee 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 Referee's decision is final.
4. If the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the Referee 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. For the avoidance of doubt, bibs may NOT be used.

Article 12 - Match Balls

1. The home Club will provide the Referee with three Match balls no later than ten minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.

Penalty for Breach **\$50**

2. All matches in the Premier & Premier Reserves divisions must use the Football West designated ball. Three Match balls will be provided free of charge to each Premier Division Club.

Penalty for Breach **\$50**

Article 13 - Match Officials

1. Each Club is responsible for 50% of Match Official fees. Football West will determine the fees payable and publish the rates prior to the commencement of each season. With the exception of the Premier League and Premier League Reserves where the home Club is responsible for 100% of Match Official fees.
2. Match Official fees are payable in cash to the Match Official(s) on the day of the Match before the Match commences, with the exception of the Premier & Premier Reserves Divisions, which will be paid by the Clubs following monthly invoices issued 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. In the event that a Referee is not allocated to the Match by Football West, or that none of the Match Officials allocated to a Match is ready and able to commence the Match within 5 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the home Club will allocate a Referee.
5. In the absence of one or both assistant Referees, each Team will provide a Club assistant Referee to assist the Match Referee. If either Club does not comply, then the Match may not proceed.

6. If the officially appointed Referee delays any Match which is completed or abandoned later that same day, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of the Match outlining the reasons for his actions. The officially appointed Referee is entitled to 100% of the Match fee for a delayed Match which is subsequently completed or abandoned.
7. If the officially appointed Referee delays any Match which is not commenced that same day, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of the Match outlining the reasons for his actions. The officially appointed Referee is entitled to 50% of the Match fee for a delayed Match which is subsequently postponed to another date.
8. When a Match is forfeited by a Club, the Referee is 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.
9. When a Match is abandoned, the Match Officials are entitled to receive the full amount of their normal Match fees.

Article 14 - 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 Team lists 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 Team sheets available. Football West's decision in determining the Team of a Player is final.

Article 15 - Fair Play Award

1. Football West will present a Fair Play Award of \$1,000 to the Club whose Amateur League first and reserves teams in the Premier Division receive the fewest number of Penalty points.
2. Penalty points are accrued according to the following scale:

a)	Each single yellow card issued	1 points
b)	Each indirect red card issued (two yellow cards to a single Club Associate)	3 points
c)	Each direct red card issued Team	5 points
d)	Five or more Club associates cautioned or sent off in a single Match	5 points
e)	Three or more Club associates sent off in a single Match	10 points
3. In the event that two or more Clubs receive the fewest Penalty points, the award will be shared.

Part 2 – Amateur Cup

Article 16 - General

1. All rules contained within the Competition Rules and Part 1 of these rules are applicable to the Amateur Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Part 1 of these rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.

Article 17 - Competition Format

1. All first teams in the Amateur League will compete in the Amateur Cup. Entry is compulsory.
2. Only one Team per Club may enter into the Amateur Cup
3. Regional teams may lodge an application to participate in the Amateur Cup and if such an application is successful, those teams will be included in the draw. A successful application from a regional Club must include a Team in both the Amateur Cup and the Amateur Reserves Cup. A regional Club travelling to the metropolitan area or another region, or a metropolitan Club travelling to a region will be entitled to an allowance of \$250 for each such trip payable on invoice to Football West.
4. The Clubs competing in each round of the Competition will be drawn in pairs at random. The pairs will play a Match subject to the Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures and the winner of each Match will compete in the next round and be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the Competition.
5. A preliminary round will be held to ensure that the following rounds can be played by the correct number of teams to ensure that only two teams remain at the end of the Competition.
6. Amateur League Clubs that apply and qualify for Round 4 of the FA Cup will be given a bye in the preliminary round of the Amateur Cup.
7. Amateur League Premier Division Clubs will be given a bye in the preliminary round of the Amateur Cup.
8. After the draw of each round, participating Clubs will be informed of the Match date, time and venue.
9. Should scores be level at the full-time whistle, two periods of extra time of 15 minutes per period will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
10. Should scores be level at the end of the second period of extra time, the outcome of the Match will be decided by kicks from the Penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game. One additional substitute may be used when a Match goes into extra time (whether or not the Team has used the full number of substitutes).

Article 18 - Players

1. A Player may not play for a Team in the Amateur Cup if, in the same season, he has previously played for:
 - a) a different Team in the Amateur Cup;
 - b) an NPL Club or a State League Club in the FA Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup in any round after the Club's first Match in that Competition.

Penalty for Breach **Forfeit**

2. An unused substitute is deemed NOT to have played in a Match.

Article 19 - Match Officials

1. For circumstances in which a Match Official is allocated to a Match involving teams from different divisions, the Match Official will be paid the fee to which he is entitled for the higher ranking Team.
2. Football West will pay Match Official fees for the Amateur Cup Final.

Article 20 - Squad Lists

1. Football West reserves the right to request a squad list for each competing Team in a Match. If requested, such a list must be provided in writing 4 days prior to the Match.

Part 3 – Amateur Reserves Cup

Article 21 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Part 1 of these rules are applicable to the Amateur Reserves Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Part 1 of these rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.

Article 22 - Competition Format

1. All reserves teams in the Sunday League will compete in the Amateur Reserves Cup. Entry is compulsory.
2. Only one Team per Club may enter into the Amateur Reserves Cup.
3. Fixtures will be played in accordance with the draw of the Amateur Cup and as specified by Football West.
4. In all matches, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the fixture will be decided by kicks from the Penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 23 - Players

1. A Player may not play for a Team in the Amateur Reserves Cup if, in the same season, he has previously played for:
 - a) a different Club in the Amateur Cup;
 - b) a different Team in the Amateur Reserves Cup;
 - c) an NPL Club or a State League Club in the FA Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a Player must have played in a minimum of 6 different fixtures for the Team in question prior to that semi-final or final. This may include participation as a substitute or substituted Player.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

3. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 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 fixture. Football West's decision on any application is final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

4. A Player who has played in his Club's first Amateur Cup fixtures is ineligible to take any further part in the Amateur Reserves Cup

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

5. An unused substitute is deemed NOT to have played in a fixture.

Article 24 - Match Officials

1. For circumstances in which a Match Official is allocated to a fixture involving teams from different divisions, the Match Official will be paid the fee to which he is entitled for the higher ranking Team.

Article 25 - Squad Lists

1. Football West reserves the right to request a squad list for each competing Team in a fixture. If requested, such a list must be provided in writing 4 days prior to the fixture.