

Annexure 5

Women's Community Competitions

Part 1 – Common Rules

Article 1 - General

1. Womens Community Competitions will consist of the:
 - a) Womens State League;
 - b) Womens Amateur League;
 - c) Womens Senior Sunday Competitions, consisting of:
 - i) Womens Metropolitan League;
 - ii) Womens Masters League; and
 - d) Associated Women’s Cup Competitions
2. Only female players may take part in Womens Community Competitions
3. Where a rule in this Part 1 appears to conflict with a rule in a Part of this document dealing with a specific competition (for example the Part dealing with the Womens State League competitions) then the Part dealing with the specific competition takes precedence.
4. References to a Competition in this document will refer to the Womens Competition and do not include the Mens Competition. For example a reference to the State League in this document refers to the Womens State League.

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
3. In the finals, 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 3 – Competition Format

1. The Club finishing in first place of each division at the end of the season will be crowned the champion Club for that season. The order in which Teams finish the competition will be determined by the criteria specified in Article 2.
2. The Clubs finishing in first and second places of each division at the end of the season, with the exception of the highest division, will play in the division above in the following season, subject to paragraph 1 except in circumstances in which they are already playing in the highest division.
3. The Clubs finishing in the lowest two places of each division at the end of the season, with the exception of the lowest ranked division, will play in the division below in the following season, subject to paragraph 1 unless they are already playing in the lowest division.
4. If enacting paragraphs 2 or 3 causes paragraph 1 to be breached, then Football West will determine which Clubs are promoted and relegated, if any.

Article 4 - Individual Awards

1. An award will be presented to the player who scores the most goals in her 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 player of those players.

Article 5 - Venues

1. 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.
2. 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 Women's Community Competition Club in the proposed competition.
3. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West Matches.
4. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Women's Community Competition Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.
5. The home venue of a Women's Community Competition Club must meet the criteria set out in the below table for the specified level of competition for a venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations:

Competition	Level of Venue
Women's State League	C
Women's Amateur League	C
Women's Metropolitan League	D
Women's Masters League	D

Article 6 - Matches

1. With the exception of abandoned Matches, each period of a Match must last for a minimum of 30 minutes in order that a result may be recorded.
2. The duration of the half time interval will be 10 minutes.
3. The Referee may adjust the duration of a Match to ensure that a following Match on the same field of play commences at the scheduled kick-off time.
4. When a Match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 3, each Match Official is entitled to receive the full amount of her normal Match fee.
5. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the Referee may use her discretion to allow players to take drink breaks. During any such break, all players must remain on the field of play.
6. The home Club must provide one stretcher which is to be placed 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.
7. Each Team must have a first aid kit available at the venue on the date of the Match.

8. The result and goal scorers 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 \$30

9. Each Club is responsible and accountable for the behaviour of its spectators and their adherence to the Spectator Code of Behaviour, whether playing at home, away or at a neutral venue. It is the responsibility of the ground marshals to inform spectators of any breach of the Spectator Code of Behaviour and request immediate compliance.
10. 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.
11. Substitutes in the Women's Community Competitions are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match. All substitutes in the Women's Community Competitions are able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions.
12. No more than five named substitutes may be listed on the Team list of which a maximum of five may be used in any one Match.

Article 6 - Postponed or Forfeited Matches

1. A postponed Match may be rearranged at a mutually convenient time and venue by the participating Clubs. Football West must be notified in writing of the date, time and venue of the rescheduled Match at least 72 hours prior to the rescheduled kick-off time.
2. If a postponed Match cannot be rescheduled through mutual agreement, Football West will determine the date, time and venue of the Match and any such decision will be final.

Article 7 - Ground Marshals

1. Each Club must appoint a ground marshal who is 18 years of age or older whose duties are:
 - a) to ensure the security and safety of players, Match Referees 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 Referees and Club officials at the conclusion of the Match; and
 - e) to provide an escort for the Referee to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period.
2. Neither the coach nor manager of a Team involved in a Match may act as ground marshal for that Match.
3. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that the ground marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. Ground marshals must be visible at all times.
7. The ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.

8. All ground marshals must identify themselves to the appointed Match Referee at least fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.

Article 8 - Match Documentation

1. Electronic Match Sheets and Electronic Match Cards will be used in the 2021 season.
2. All Womens Community 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 list submitted) Forfeit & \$100 Fine
4. A complete Match Sheet 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.
5. A Team must enter a complete Match Sheet for every Match
Penalty for Breach \$50 Fine
6. 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 \$50 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 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. Only female players are eligible to compete in the Women Community Competitions.
Penalty for Breach **Forfeit**
2. Once a player has played for the Women's National Premier League First Team, she may not participate in the Metropolitan League in the same season without submitting a request for an exemption and Football West has given approval.
Penalty for Breach: **Forfeit**
3. Once a player has been listed on a Team sheet of the NPLWA-W Under 23s on 9 occasions, she may not appear on the Team list of any Team in the Women's Metropolitan League for the remainder of the season without submitting a request for an exemption and Football West giving approval.
4. Once a player has taken the field for a Team of the NPLWA-W First Team on 9 occasions, she may not participate in any Matches for any Team in the Women's Amateur League or Women's State League for the remainder of the season without submitting a request for an exemption and Football West giving approval..
5. A player who has taken to the field for the NPLWA-W First Team, may not be listed on the Team list of a Team in the Women's Amateur League or Women's Metropolitan League on the same day.
6. Once a player has been listed on a Team sheet of the NPLWA-M Competition on 9 occasions for any Team, she may not appear on the Team list of any Team in the Women's Community Competitions for the remainder of the season.
7. If a Club fields one side in State League and has Teams in the Women's Amateur League, only 2 players may appear in the Club's next highest ranked Amateur League side on the same weekend.
Penalty for Breach: **Forfeit**
8. If a Club fields a side in the Women's Amateur League and has multiple Teams in the Women's Metropolitan League, only 2 players may appear in the Clubs next highest ranked Women's Metropolitan League side on the same weekend.
Penalty for Breach: **Forfeit**
9. A player who has played in the Women's State League may not participate in Women's Metropolitan League in the same season without submitting an exemption request and receiving approval from Football West.
Penalty for Breach: **Forfeit**
10. A player who was recorded on the player roster in a Westfield W-League Team may not be listed on the Team list of a Women's Community Competition within 12 months of the completion of her most recent Westfield W-League season.
11. To be eligible to play in a Women's Community Competition a player must meet the birth year requirements set out in the following table:

Competition	Birth Year
Women's State League	2006 or earlier

Women's Amateur League	2006 or earlier
Women's Metropolitan League	2006 or earlier
Women's Masters League	1989 or earlier*

* see Part 4 Masters League rules for further information

12. A player who was born in 2007 or later may apply to Football West to be assessed as being competent to play in the Women's Community Competitions but is ineligible to play until confirmation of such competency has been provided to the Club in writing.

Article 10 - 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 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.
3. 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 worn.

Article 11 - Match Balls

1. The home Club will provide the Referee with three Match balls no later than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.

Article 12 - 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.
2. Match Official fees are payable in cash to the Match Official(s) on the day.
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 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 his actions. The appointed Referee is 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 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.

8. When a Match is abandoned, the Match Officials are entitled to receive the full amount of their normal Match fees.

Article 13 - Representative Teams

1. If a Club has 3 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.

Part 2 – Women’s State League

Article 14 - Competition Format

1. A Club may not enter more than one Team into the Women’s State League. A Club that has a Women’s NPL Team cannot enter a Team into the Women’s State League.
2. There will be no automatic promotion and relegation between the Women’s State League and Women’s NPL in the 2021 season.

Part 3 – Women’s Amateur League

Article 15 - Competition Format

1. A Club may not enter more than one Team into the same division unless the Club enters more Teams than there are divisions or at the discretion of Football West.
2. There will be no automatic promotion and relegation between the State League and the Amateur League divisions. However, the Club which finishes in first position in One may nominate to play in the State League the following season by application. Any application decision made would be on the provision of any available position and the discretion of Football West.

Article 16 - Players

1. Once a player has taken the field for a Team of the NPLWA-W First Team on 9 occasions, she may not participate in any Matches for any other Team in the Women’s Amateur League for the remainder of the season.
2. A player who has taken to the field for the NPLWA-W First Team, may not be listed on the Team list of a Team in the Women’s Amateur League on the same day.

Penalty for Breach: Forfeit

3. If a Club fields a side in the Women’s State League and has a Team in the Women’s Amateur League, players who have appeared in the State League side can only appear in their Club’s highest ranked Amateur League side on the same weekend.

Penalty for Breach: Forfeit

Part 3 – Women’s Metropolitan League

Article 17 - Competition Format

1. A Club may not enter more than one Team into the same division unless the Club enters more Teams than there are divisions for Women’s Metropolitan League or at the discretion of Football West.
2. There will be no automatic promotion and relegation between the Women’s Amateur League and the Women’s Metropolitan League divisions. However, the Club which finishes in first position in North Division One and South Division One may nominate to play in the Amateur League the following season by application. Any application decision made would be on the provision of any available position and the discretion of Football West.
3. A Club may request a change to the division of one or more of its Teams in the Women’s Metropolitan League. Any such change may or may not be granted at the discretion of Football West, and if granted any change will be subject to the applicable fees. The decision as to whether or not a change request is granted by Football West is final.

Part 4 – Women’s Masters League

Article 18 - Competition Format

1. There will be a Final at the end of the season with the Team that finishes third playing the Team that finishes fourth and the Team that finishes first against the Team that finishes second.

Article 19 – Postponed or Forfeited Fixtures

1. Unavailability to play a fixture will result in a forfeit.

Article 20 – Ground Marshals

1. Football West will appoint a ground manager, whose duties will be:
2. The host Club must appoint a ground marshal whose duties are:
 - a) to ensure the security and safety of players, Match Referees 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 Referees and Club officials at the conclusion of the fixture; and
 - e) to provide an escort for the Referee to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period.

Article 21 – Players

1. Subject to Article 9 Teams may have two players born between the age of 1990 and 1991 on a single Match sheet and must mark an asterisk next to the two player’s names.
2. Players may only play for 1 Team in the Women’s Masters League for the season.

Article 22 – Playing Strips

1. All Clubs must nominate a playing strip that have numbers visible on the back.
2. In any fixture, if the shirts of the participating Teams are alike or similar, bibs will be provided to the away Team or both Teams. In the event of any dispute with regards to the strip to be worn by either Team, the Referee's decision is final.

Article 23 – Match Balls

1. The host venue will be provided with the Match balls for the season by Football West and will provide to the Referee two Match balls no later than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the fixture.

Part 5 – Women’s State Cup

Article 24 - General

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

Article 25 - Competition Format

1. Entry is compulsory for all Clubs in the NPLWA-W and State League. Teams in Women’s Metropolitan League and Amateur League may enter through the process stipulated by Football West, provided that the Team does not already have a Team in the Women’s State League.
2. A Metropolitan League Team that enters the Women’s State Cup may NOT also enter the Women’s Metropolitan Cup.
3. The Clubs competing in each round of the competition will be drawn in pairs at random. The pairs will play a fixture subject to the Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures and the winner of each fixture will compete in the next round and be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the competition.
4. Substitutes in the Women’s State Cup are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match. All substitutes in the Women’s State Cup are able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions.
5. A preliminary round may 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. After the draw of each round, participating Clubs will be informed of the fixture date, time and venue.
7. In all fixtures, 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 26 - Players

1. A player may not play for a Team in the Women’s State Cup if, in the same season, she has previously played for:
a different Team in the Women’s State 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 50% of Matches for the Club in question prior to that semi-final or final in either the National Premier League First Team or Under 23s Team, State League Team or if the Team has entered subject to Article 25.1 Metropolitan League or Amateur League.
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

Article 27 - 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.
2. Football West will pay Match Official fees for the Women's State Cup Final.

Article 28 - 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.

Part 6 – Women’s Metropolitan Cup

Article 29 - General

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

Article 30 - Competition Format

1. Entry is voluntary and open to Teams in the Women’s Amateur League and Women’s Metropolitan League. However, for the avoidance of doubt, a Women’s Metropolitan League Team that enters the Women’s State Cup may NOT also enter the Women’s Metropolitan Cup.
2. Regional Teams may lodge an application to participate in the Women’s Metropolitan Cup and if such an application is successful, those Teams will be included in the draw. An entry fee of \$55 applies.
3. 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. Football West reserves the right to require that a regional Club granted entry in accordance with paragraph 2 plays any or all of its Matches in the Perth metropolitan area regardless of whether or not the Club is drawn at home.
5. A Team that wishes to compete must lodge an application via the process stipulated by Football West
6. The Clubs competing in each round of the competition will be drawn in pairs at random. The pairs will play a fixture subject to the Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures and the winner of each fixture will compete in the next round and be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the competition.
7. A preliminary round may 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.
8. After the draw of each round, participating Clubs will be informed of the fixture date, time and venue.
9. In all fixtures, 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 31 - Players

1. A player may not play for a Team in the Women’s Metropolitan Cup if, in the same season, she has previously played for:
 - a) any Team in the Women’s State Cup;
 - b) any Senior Team Match in the NPLWA-W or NPLWA-M;
 - c) a different Team in the Women’s Metropolitan 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 50% of different Matches for the Club in question prior to that semi-final or final.

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

Article 32 - Match Officials

1. Football West will pay Match Official fees for the Women's Metropolitan Cup Final.

Article 33 - 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.