

Annexure 7

Night Series Rules

Part 1 – Common Rules

Article 1 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules, NPLWA Competition Rules (where relevant) and the relevant Annexures of those rules are applicable to the Night Series for each level of the competition unless otherwise stipulated in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules, NPLWA Competition Rules (where relevant) or Annexures of those rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.

Article 2 - Competition Format

1. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to the number of competition points they accrue over the series. Points are accrued in accordance with Article 3.
2. The winner of each group and the best two runner-up teams will qualify for the quarter finals and will play those quarter-final Matches in a pre-determined draw.
3. The winners of each quarter-final will play each other in the semi- final and play those semi-final Matches in a pre-determined draw.
4. The winners of each semi-final will play each other in the final.
5. The venues for all Matches will be determined by Football West.
6. Should scores be level at the full-time whistle in the quarter final, semi-finals or final, the outcome of the Match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
7. Once a Player has taken the field of play for a team during the competition, he may not appear on the team list for any other team in the competition.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

Article 3 - Competition Points & Team Ranking – Group Matches

1. Three points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a defeat.
2. If two or more teams from the same group are equal on points on completion of the group Matches, 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 team with the lower number of Red Cards
 - e) the team with the lower number of Yellow Cards
 - f) the drawing of lots

Article 4 - Match Official Escorts

1. The host and participating Clubs must appoint Match Official escorts who are 18 years of age or older who must escort the Match Officials on and off the field before the game commences, at half time and at the end of each Match.
2. The host Club must provide at least two Match Official escorts for each Match.

Maximum Penalty for Breach \$100

3. Each Club must provide at least one Match Official escort for the Match in which it is participating. Each competition level must provide the number of Match Official Escorts

Maximum Penalty for Breach \$100

Competition Level	Number of Match Official Escorts
NPLWA-M	3
NPLWA-W	2
Mens State League	3
Womens State League	2
Amateurs	2

Article 5 - Match Officials

1. Football West reserves the right to appoint a Match Commissioner to any Match. Match Commissioner fees will be paid by Football West.
2. Football West will determine how Match Official Fees will be paid.

Article 6 - Match Equipment

1. Football West will supply 3 Match balls to the host venues free of charge. The Clubs may retain the balls at the end of the competition.
2. Should Match balls be lost during the competition, Football West will arrange replacement Match balls at direct cost to the host Club.
3. The Match balls must be made available for all Matches at the venue during the competition.

Part 2 – NPLWA-M Night Series

Article 7 - Competition Format

1. The teams will be organised into 2 groups of 6 teams.
2. Host Clubs will be selected to conduct group games.
3. The teams from each group will play every other team in the same group once.

Article 8 - Admission

1. Each team participating in a Match on the date in question must provide to the host Club by noon on the last business day prior to the Match a list with a maximum of 21 people to obtain free entry into the venue for that Match day. Free entry is for use by the Players, Club officials or a Club's official guests only.

Part 3 – NPLWA-W Night Series

Article 9 - Competition Format

1. The first teams of each Club in the NPLWA Women's will compete in the Women's Night Series competition.
2. The teams will be organised into 2 groups designated Group A and Group B.
3. The teams in each group will play every other team in their group once.

Article 10 - Players

1. Once a Player has taken the field of play for a team during the competition, she may not appear on the team list for any other team in the competition. An unused substitute is deemed to NOT have played.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

Part 4 – Mens State League Night Series

Article 11 - Competition Format

1. The teams will be organised into 6 groups of 4 teams.
2. Host Clubs will be selected to conduct group games.
3. The teams from each group will play every other team in the same group once.

Article 12 - Interchangeable Substitutes in Group Matches

1. This article applies to group Matches only.
2. Substitutes in the group stages of the Mens State League Night Series are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match but may be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions subject to the provisions of this article.
3. No more than five named interchangeable substitutes may be listed on the team list. All listed interchangeable substitutes may be used in any one Match.
4. An Interchange Event is a stoppage in play during which a Club makes one or more substitutions.
5. Each competing Club is entitled to:
 - a) Two Interchange Events in the first half;
 - b) One Interchange Event at half time. Substitutions made at the half time Interchange Event must be made immediately prior to kick-off of the second half; and
 - c) Three Interchange Events in the second half.
6. Except under the provisions of paragraph 7, no Interchange Events are permitted after the completion of 80 minutes of any Match regardless of whether a Club has used its full entitlement of Interchange Events. For the avoidance of doubt, the Referee is the sole judge of whether 80 minutes have elapsed.
7. If, in the opinion of the Referee, a Player is injured after the completion of more than 80 minutes of a Match and is unable to continue, the Referee may permit the injured Player to be substituted.
8. Only 1 injured Player may be substituted under the provisions of paragraph 7.

Article 13 - Substitutes in Knock-Out Matches

1. This article 5 applies to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals only.
2. In the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, no interchangeable substitutes are permitted. All substitutions made in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final must be made in accordance with the Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 14 - Admission

1. Each team participating in a Match on the date in question must provide to the host Club by noon on the last business day prior to the Match a list with a maximum of 21 people to obtain free entry into the venue for that Match day for use by the Players, Club officials or a Club's official guests only.

Part 4 – Amateur League Night Series

Article 15 - Competition Format

1. The teams will be organised into 3 groups of 4.
2. Matches will be played at venues determined by Football West.
3. The teams from each group will play every other team in the same group once.
4. A Player who has played in either the NPL Night Series or the Mens State League Night Series, may not appear on the team list for any team in the competition.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

Article 16 – Interchangeable Substitutes in Group Matches

1. This article applies to group Matches only.
2. Substitutes in the group stages of the Amateur Night Series are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match but may be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions subject to the provisions of these Rules .
3. No more than five named interchangeable substitutes may be listed on the team list. All listed interchangeable substitutes may be used in any one Match.
4. Except under the provisions of paragraph 5, no Interchange Events are permitted after the completion of 80 minutes. For the avoidance of doubt, the Referee is the sole judge of whether 80 minutes have elapsed.
5. If, in the opinion of the Referee, a Player is injured after the completion of more than 80 minutes of a Match and is unable to continue, the Referee may permit the injured Player to be substituted.
6. Only 1 injured Player may be substituted under the provisions of paragraph 5

Article 17 – Player Roster

1. The participating Clubs may nominate a maximum of 20 Players on a Player Roster, any of whom may be used during the competition.
2. Changes may be made each week of the competition before 10:00am each Friday.

Article 18 – Admission

1. No entry fee may be charged at any of the host venues.

Part 5 – Womens State League Night Series

Article 19 - Competition Format

1. The Competition will be structured based on the number of entrants and determined at the discretion of Football West.
2. Matches will be played at venues determined by Football West.
3. A Player who has played in the NPLWA-W Night Series, may not appear on the team list for any team in the competition in the same season.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

Article 20 – Interchangeable Substitutes in Group Matches

1. Substitutes in the Womens State League Night Series are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match but may be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions subject to the provisions of these Rules .
2. No more than five named interchangeable substitutes may be listed on the team list. All listed interchangeable substitutes may be used in any one Match.

Article 21 – Player Roster

1. The participating Clubs may nominate a maximum of 20 Players on a Player Roster, any of whom may be used during the competition.
2. Changes may be made each week of the competition before 10:00am each Friday.

Article 22 – Admission

1. No entry fee may be charged at any of the host venues.