



**NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES**

Long Term Injury Policy

National Premier Leagues WA

This document must be read in conjunction with the following documents.

FIFA Documents

- FIFA Laws of the Game
- FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players
- FIFA Disciplinary Code

FA Documents

- National Registration Regulations
- National Disciplinary Regulations
- National Grievance Procedure By-Law
- National Judicial Bodies By-Law
- National Arbitration Tribunal Regulations
- National Club Identity Policy
- National Code of Conduct
- National Member Protection Policy
- National Privacy Policy
- National Anti-Doping Policy
- National Spectator Code of Behavior

Football West Documents

- National Premier Leagues Compliance Regulations
- Football West Match Scheduling Policy
- Football West Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations
- Football West Competition Management Regulations
- Football West Code of Conduct
- Football West Spectator Code of Behaviour

All matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game in force at the time of publication of these rules and as laid down by the International Football Association Board, unless otherwise stated in these rules.

References to the male gender are for simplification and apply to both males and females.

Terms used in this document have the meanings given in the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations.

Any request pursuant to this policy will be considered by Football West in its sole discretion taking into consideration timing, Under 23 squads, Under 20 squads and Under 18 squads among any other factor which Football West deems relevant.

Article 1 Long Term Injuries

1. An injury is classified as long term if a player is unable to play due to injury for a minimum of six (6) weeks.
2. If a Player is suffering from a Long Term Injury, a Club may apply to Football West to remove that Player's name from the Player Roster and replace that player with an eligible Replacement Player.
3. This may be done outside of the Player Roster windows dictated in the NPLWA Competition Rules.
4. A Club must complete an application attach supporting medical evidence.
5. Football West may approve or not approve the application or require further evidence, including (but not limited to) a report from a qualified medical practitioner as described in the Medical Practitioners Act 2008.
6. During the course of the season, each NPL club will be permitted to apply to Football West to remove a maximum of four (4) Player's names from the Player Points System (PPS) Roster.
7. Once a player is removed from the club's PPS Player Roster due to a Long Term Injury, the player is not eligible to play for the Club in any capacity.

Article 2 Eligible Replacement Players

1. To be eligible as a Replacement Player under this policy, a player must not be registered with and have appeared on any of the Senior Team Lists of a different NPL club to that requesting the Replacement Player at the time that the long term injury occurred.
2. The maximum number of Visa Players may not be exceeded at any time.

Article 3 Player Points System

1. Switching player penalty points will apply as per the Player Points System as set out by FA.
2. The existing Player Points Cap (200 points) remains in place and must not be exceeded under any circumstances including as a result of the registering of Replacement Players under this policy.

Article 4 Players Returning from Long Term Injury

1. At the conclusion of the specified term of the injury, subject to paragraph 3, the returning player may be placed back on the Club's Player Roster and the Replacement Player will be

removed from the roster. This change will not take formal effect until the Club has notified Football West in writing they wish to make this change on their roster.

2. A player returning from a long term injury may not be added to the club's Player Roster less than six weeks from the date of approval of his removal from the club's Player Roster due to a Long Term Injury;
3. The Replacement Player may be retained on the Player Roster if the club is able to retain that player within the maximum number of players and points on the Player Roster.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, if a player is to be removed from the PPS Player Roster when the injured player returns, the removed player MUST be the Replacement Player.