

Annexure 7
Night Series Rules

Part 1 – Common Rules

Article 1 - General

1. These Rules apply to the Night Series Competition held by Football West.
2. All rules contained within the Football West Community Competition Rules, NPLWA Competition Rules (where relevant) (Rules) and the relevant Annexures of those Rules are applicable to the Night Series for each level of the Night Series Competition unless otherwise stipulated in this document.
3. Where a rule in the Football West Community 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 in respect to the Night Series Competition only.
4. Players do not need to be registered to a Club to compete in the Night Series Competition, except for the Men's State League Night Series, but records must be kept by each Clubs of the Players who have participated for that Club during the Night Series.
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, that Player may not appear on the Team List for any other Team in any Night Series Competition. An unused substitute is deemed to NOT have played.

Penalty for Breach: Forfeit

Article 2 - Competition Points & Team Ranking – Group Matches

1. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (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; and
 - f) the drawing of lots.

Article 3 – Ground Marshals (Match Official Escorts)

1. The host Club for a Night Series Match and participating Clubs in the Night Series Competition must appoint Match Official escorts who are at least 18 years of age 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. Each participating Club must provide one Match Official escort for each Match.
3. The host Club must then provide additional Match Official escorts to meet the number specified in the table below.
4. **Maximum Penalty for Breach \$100**

Competition Level	Number of Match Official escorts
NPLWA-M	4
NPLWA-W	2
Men’s State League	4
Women’s League	2
Amateurs	2

Article 4 - 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 5 - Match Equipment

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

Article 6 – Players

1. For the following competitions all players will need to be registered to the club before they are eligible to play in the Night Series; NPLWA-Men Night Series, NPLWA-Women Night Series and State League Men Night Series.
2. Competitions with mandatory registrations will use electronic match sheets as per Football West’s Competition Management System.
3. Competitions without mandatory registrations will use manual match sheets and player rosters.
 - a. Each participating Club may nominate a maximum of twenty (20) Players on a Player Roster, any of whom may be used during the competition.
 - b. Changes to the Player Roster may be made each week of the competition before 10:00am on the Friday prior to a Match taking place.

NIGHT SERIES SUSPENDED PLAYERS

4. Subject to paragraph 5, a Club Associate who receives a Suspension as a result of Misconduct in a Night Series Match must serve that Suspension across Night Series Matches in that Competition.
5. Football West has discretion to decide that any Suspension as a result of Misconduct in a Night Series Match will also apply to Regular Season Matches.
6. Serious Offences (as defined in Article 3 of the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations) committed during the Night Series will also have the Suspension apply to Regular Season Matches in accordance with paragraph 5.
7. If a Club Associate is currently serving a Match Suspension which extends over One (1) or more Competition Seasons, they will be permitted to play in the Night Series (with the exception of Suspensions pertinent to paragraph 5). However, Night Series matches will not count towards the service of their Suspension.

Example: A Player commits Offence 1B (outlined in the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations) and is Suspended for an AMS plus Two (2) Matches. The Player has served One (1) Match of their Suspension prior to the Night Series. The Player will be eligible to participate in the Night Series but will be required to serve the remaining Two (2) Match Suspension in the Regular Season following the Night Series.

8. A Club Associate who is currently serving a Suspension for a Serious Offence (as defined in Article 3 of the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations) or an Offence against a Match Official is not permitted to participate in the Night Series.
9. If a Club Associate is ineligible to participate in the Night Series through the operation of paragraph 8, Night Series Matches missed do not count towards the service of their Suspension.

Example: A Player commits Offence 2B (outlined in the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations) and is Suspended for an AMS plus Four (4) Matches. The Player has served One (1) Match of their Suspension prior to the Night Series. As Offence 2B (outlined in the

Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations) falls under the definition of a Serious Offence the Player will not be eligible to participate in the Night Series and will be required to serve the remaining Four (4) Match Suspension in the Regular Season following the Night Series.

Article 7 – Prize Money

1. The winner of the NPLWA-M Night Series and NPLWA-W Night Series will receive \$4,000.
2. The runner up of the NPLWA-M Night Series and NPLWA-W Night Series will receive \$1,000.

Part 2 – NPLWA-M Night Series

Article 8 - Competition Format

1. Entry is mandatory for and limited to NPLWA-M Clubs. Any Club that refuses to enter a relevant Team in the NPLWA-M Night Series Competition may be subject to a sanction at the discretion of Football West.
2. The Teams will be organised into two (2) groups of six (6) Teams.
3. Host Clubs will be selected to conduct group games.
4. The Teams from each group will play every other Team in the same group once.
5. The two highest placed Teams from each group will progress to the knockout stage.
6. The winners of each group will play the runners-up of the other group in the Semi-Final.
7. The winners of the semi-final will play each other in the NPLWA-M Night Series Grand Final.

Article 9 – Substitutes

1. This article applies to all matches in the NPLWA-M Night Series.
2. Teams may nominate up to a maximum of seven (7) substitutes in each Match.
3. All substitutions must be made in accordance with the Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game except:
 - a) each Team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes;
 - b) to reduce disruption to the match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the Match; substitutions may also be made at half-time;
 - c) if both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three (3) opportunities for each team;
 - d) unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time; and
 - e) Teams will each have an additional substitution in extra time and will each have one additional substitution opportunity; substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time.

Article 10 – Admission

1. Each Team participating in a Match on the date in question must provide the host Club, by noon on the last business day prior to the Match, a list with a maximum of twenty-three (23) 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 11 – Competition Format

1. Entry is mandatory for and limited to NPLWA-W Clubs. Any Club that refuses to enter a relevant Team in the NPLWA-W Night Series Competition may be subject to a sanction at the discretion of Football West.
2. The Teams will be organised into two (2) groups designated Group A and Group B.
3. Host Clubs will be selected to conduct group games.
4. The Teams from each group will play every other Team in the same group once.
5. The two highest placed Teams from each group will progress to the knockout stage.
6. The winners of each group will play the runners-up of the other group in the Semi-Final.
7. The winners of the semi-final will play each other in the NPLWA-W Night Series Grand Final.

Article 12 – Substitutes

1. This Article applies to all matches in the NPLWA-W Night Series.
2. Teams may nominate up to a maximum of seven (7) substitutes in each Match.
3. All substitutions must be made in accordance with the Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game except:
 - a) each Team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes;
 - b) to reduce disruption to the match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game; substitutions may also be made at half-time;
 - c) if both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three (3) opportunities for each team;
 - d) unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time of any Match (if applicable); and
 - e) Teams will have an additional substitution in extra time and will each have one additional substitution opportunity; substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time.

Article 13 – Admission

2. Each Team participating in a Match on the date in question must provide the host Club, by noon on the last business day prior to the Match, a list with a maximum of twenty-three (23) 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 4 – Men’s State League Night Series

Article 14 – Competition Format

1. Entry is mandatory for and limited to Men’s State League Clubs. Any Club that refuses to enter a relevant Team in the Men’s State League Night Series Competition may be subject to a sanction at the discretion of Football West.
2. Teams will be organised into six (6) groups of four (4) Teams.
3. Host Clubs will be selected to conduct group games.
4. Teams from each group will play every other team in the same group once.
5. 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.
6. The winners of the semi-final will play each other in the Men’s State League Night Series Grand Final.

Article 15 – Interchangeable Substitutes in Group Matches

1. This article applies to group Matches only and not a finals series.
2. Substitutes in the group stages of the Men’s 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 (5) 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 (2) Interchange Events in the first half;
 - b) One (1) 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 (3) Interchange Events in the second half.
6. Except under the provisions of paragraph 7, no Interchange Events are permitted after the completion of eighty (80) minutes of any Match regardless of whether a Club has used its full entitlement of Interchange Events. For the avoidance of doubt, the Match Official is the sole judge of whether eighty (80) minutes have elapsed.
7. If, in the opinion of the Match Official, a Player is injured after the completion of more than 80 minutes of a Match and is unable to continue, the Match Official may permit the injured Player to be substituted.
8. Only 1 injured Player may be substituted under the provisions of paragraph 7.

Article 16 - Substitutes in Knock-Out Matches

1. This Article 16 applies to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals only.
2. Teams may nominate up to a maximum of seven (7) substitutes in each Match.
3. 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 except:
 - a) each Team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes;
 - b) to reduce disruption to the Match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game; substitutions may also be made at half-time;
 - c) if both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three (3) opportunities for each Team;
 - d) unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time; and
 - e) Teams will have an additional substitution in extra time, and will each have one additional substitution opportunity; substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time.

Article 17 - Admission

1. Each Team participating in a Group Stage Match on the date in question must provide the host Club, by noon on the last Business Day prior to the Match, a list with a maximum of twenty-one (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.
2. Each Team participating in a Knock-out Match on the date in question must provide the host Club, by noon on the last Business Day prior to the Match, a list with a maximum of twenty-three (23) 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 5 – Women’s League Night Series

Article 18 - Competition Format

1. Entry is mandatory for to Women’s League Division 1 Clubs. Any Club that refuses to enter a relevant Team in the Women’s League Night Series Competition may be subject to a sanction at the discretion of Football West.
2. Women’s League Teams below Division 1 may nominate to play in the Women’s League Night Series. Entry will be capped at sixteen (16) teams.
3. Teams will be organised into four (4) groups designated Group A, B, C and D.
4. Teams in each group will play every other Team in their group once.
5. The winner of each group will qualify for the semi-final.
6. The winners of the semi-final will play each other in the Women’s League Night Series Grand Final.

Article 19 – Interchangeable Substitutes in Group Matches

1. This Article applies to group Matches only.
2. Substitutes in the group stages of the Women’s 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.
3. No more than five (5) 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 eighty (80) minutes. For the avoidance of doubt, the Match Official is the sole judge of whether eighty (80) minutes have elapsed.
5. If, in the opinion of the Match Official, a Player is injured after the completion of more than eighty (80) minutes of a Match and is unable to continue, the Match Official may permit the injured Player to be substituted.
6. Only one (1) injured Player may be substituted under the provisions of paragraph 5

Article 20 - Substitutes in Knock-Out Matches

1. This Article 20 applies to the semi-finals and finals only.
2. Teams may nominate up to a maximum of seven (7) substitutes in each Match.
3. In the 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 except:
 - a) each Team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes;
 - b) to reduce disruption to the match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3)

opportunities to make substitutions during the game; substitutions may also be made at half-time;

- c) if both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three (3) opportunities for each Team;
- d) unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time;
- e) Teams will have an additional substitution in extra time and will each have one additional substitution opportunity; substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time.

Article 21– Admission

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

Part 4 – Men’s Amateur League Night Series

Article 22 - Competition Format

1. Entry is mandatory for to Amateur Premier League Clubs. Any Club that refuses to enter a relevant Team in the Men’s Amateur League Night Series Competition may be subject to a sanction at the discretion of Football West.
2. Four (4) additional places will be available for teams in the Amateur Leagues Division 1 and below. Teams wishing to participate need to apply to Football West in writing by 5 PM, 27 January 2023. The four (4) highest placed teams from the previous season will be selected to join.
3. Teams will be organised into four (4) groups of four (4).
4. Matches will be played at venues determined by Football West.
5. Teams from each group will play every other team in the same group once.
6. The winner of each group up in the group stage will compete in the semi-final.
7. The winners of the semi-final will play each other in the Men’s Amateur League Night Series Grand Final.

Article 23 – 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 (5) 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 eighty (80) minutes. For the avoidance of doubt, the Match Official is the sole judge of whether eighty (80) minutes have elapsed.
5. If, in the opinion of the Match Official, a Player is injured after the completion of more than 80 minutes of a Match and is unable to continue, the Match Official may permit the injured Player to be substituted.
6. Only 1 injured Player may be substituted under the provisions of paragraph 5.

Article 24 - Substitutes in Knock-Out Matches

1. This Article 24 applies to the semi-finals and finals only.
2. Teams may nominate up to a maximum of seven (7) substitutes in each Match.
3. In the 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 except:

- a) each Team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes;
- b) to reduce disruption to the match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game; substitutions may also be made at half-time;
- c) if both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three (3) opportunities for each Team;
- d) unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time; and
- e) Teams will have an additional substitution in extra time and will each have one additional substitution opportunity; substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time.

Article 25 – Admission

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