

2023 Football West Key Competition Rule Changes



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Community Competition Rules		
Article	Paragraph	Notable Change(s)
Article 5	Paragraph 4. c.	Clarification of rules on prohibited sponsorship categories for club apparel to include betting companies.
Article 6	Paragraph 5 - 11	Rules governing Football West Match Official and Non-Football West Match Officials have been made separate for distinction and clarity.
Article 6	Paragraph 12 – 17	Introduction of the Three Strike Policy.
Article 7	Paragraph 7 – 8	Introduction of rule; Football West Match Officials are able to forfeit a Match should there not be the correct number of Ground Marshals for that Match. <i>(This is reflected through-out each separate Competition Rule Annexure.)</i>
Annexure 1 – Men’s State League		
Article 3 - 6		Introduction of rule; Promotion and Relegation between State League and NPL has been restructured to include the 3 rd and 4 th placed State League Teams at the conclusion of the season, and the 11 th placed NPL Team at the conclusion of the season. Promotion and Relegation between State League and the Amateur League can potentially include the 3 rd placed Amateur League Team at the conclusion of the season, given there is a vacancy in the end of Season Play-offs.
Article 3	Paragraph 3	Amendment to rule; State League Clubs who are eligible for promotion to NPL rather than going through an audit will be required to complete the process of Football West and Football Australia’s NPL Club Licensing System to obtain an NPL License ahead of potential promotion.
Article 14	Paragraph 2	Amendment of rule; Clubs can now list up to 25 players on their First Team Player Roster.
Article 14	Paragraph 3	Introduction of rule; All Players who have signed a professional contract must be placed onto the First Team Player Roster
Article 18	Paragraph 4	Amendment of rule; General admission fees clubs can charge entrants has been increased to \$10 and people under the age of 16 are to receive free entry.
Annexure 3 – Amateur League and Cups		
Article 3		Introduction of rule; Promotion and Relegation between State League and the Amateur League can potentially include the 3 rd placed Amateur League Team at the conclusion of the season, given there is a vacancy in the end of Season Play-offs.
Article 7	Paragraph 2 – 3	Amendment of rule; Penalty for not having the correct number of Ground Marshals present at the Match has been increased from \$50 to \$100.

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Annexure 4 – Men’s Senior Sunday Competitions		
Article 15	Paragraph 2 - 6	Introduction of rule; Competition Format of Masters (35s League) outlined and updated.
Article 16	Paragraph 2 – 6	Introduction of rule; Competition Format of Over 45s League outlined and updated.
Article 18 – 19		Introduction of rule; Over 55s rules introduced
Annexure 5 – Women’s League Competition		
<p><i>The Football West Women’s League has been restructured to suit the landscape of Female Football in WA, enhance the development of Junior Girls and promote quality competitions in each league. References to the new structure can be found on our website and dispersed to our clubs via email. Further, following the restructure, Competition names have been amended to suit the placement of Leagues in the new Competition structure.</i></p>		
Article 8		Amendment of rule; Player movement rules updated.
Article 13	Paragraph 4	Introduction of rule; A Team in the Women’s League Division 1 must provide a Player Roster with a minimum of 18 players listed.
Article 14	Paragraph 6	Introduction of rule; Once a Player has taken the field of play in the Women’s League Division 1 on 6 occasions, they may not appear on the Team List of any other Women’s League Competition
Article 14	Paragraph 7	Amendment of rule; Player movement rules updated.
Article 15		Introduction of rule; Promotion and Relegation from Women’s League Division 1 and NPL W is introduced.
Article 16		Introduction of rule; Promotion and Relegation Play-Offs given an automatic promotion and relegation cannot take place
Article 19		Introduction of rule; Competition Format for Women’s League Division 2 and Below outlined.
Article 20		Amendment of rule; Player movement rules updated.
Article 21 - 22		Introduction of rule; Promotion and Relegation between Women’s League Division 1 and Women’s League Division 2 and Below outlined.
Article 23		Amendment of rule; Competition Format for Women’s League North/South Divisions updated.
Article 24		Amendment of rule; Player movement rules updated.
Article 25 – 26		Introduction of rule; Women’s Masters League rules introduced.
Article 28	Paragraph 1	Amendment of rule; Entry into the Women’s State Cup is compulsory for Women’s League Division 1 Team, with optional entry for Teams in the Leagues below.
Article 33	Paragraph 2	Teams (Women’s League Division 2 and Below, North and South Divisions and Master’s League) will be automatically entered into the Women’s League Cup, with the option to opt out.

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Annexure 6 – Community Juniors		
Football West has introduced Junior Girls U13s and Junior Girls U17s this year. The mentions of these two new age grades in the Junior Girls Competition can be found where Junior Age Groups are mentioned through-out the Community Junior Competition Rules.		
Article 34	Paragraph 3	Amendment of rule; a participants total Matches played for Junior Girls Top Four Cup eligibility has been reduced to 5 matches after June 30, 2023.
Article 36	Paragraph 3	Amendment of rule; a participants total Matches played for Junior Boys Top Four Cup eligibility has been reduced to 5 matches after June 30, 2023.
Annexure 7 – Night Series Rules		
Article 6	Paragraph 4 - 9	Introduction of rule; Inclusion of D&Gs excerpt of Night Series Suspensions for distinction and clarity.
Article 18		Introduction of rule; Introduction of Women’s League Night Series.
National Premier Leagues WA Competition Rules		
Article 22, Article 23, Article 41, Article 42		Introduction (and Amendment) of rule; Promotion and Relegation rules updated for NPLWA Men and NPLWA Women.
Article 24	Paragraph 4	Introduction of rule; All Players who have signed a professional contract must be placed onto the Player Roster.
Article 43	Paragraph 3 – 8	Amendment of rule; Player movement rules updated.
Long Term Injury Policy		
Article 1	Paragraph 1	Amendment of rule; Policy only applies to NPLWA Men and NPLWA Women Competitions.
Match Scheduling Policy		
Article 6	Paragraph 6.1.	Amendment of rule; Matches may not commence for Senior Competitions before midday, without approval from Football West or the opposition Club
Article 7	Paragraph 7.2.	Amendment of rule; Matches may not commence for Junior Competitions after midday, without approval from Football West or the opposition.