

# Annexure 3

## ***Amateur League Competitions***

# Part 1 – Amateur League

References in this document to the Amateur League refer specifically to the Men's Amateur League.

## Article 1 - Competition Format

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1. All Participating Clubs are required to field a First Team and a Reserves Team. A reference in this document to a Division is to a Division of the Amateur League.
2. A Club may not enter more than one Team in the same Division. A Club may not enter Teams in more than three (3) Divisions.
3. Teams will be ranked in their Divisions according to the number of Competition points they accrue over the Competition Season as specified in Article 2.
4. The Team finishing in first place of each Division at the conclusion of the Competition Season, will be declared the champion Team for that Division and for that Competition Season.
5. Clubs finishing in first and second places of each First Team Division at the end of the Competition Season will play in the Division above in the following Competition Season, except in the case of the Premier Division.
6. Subject to Article 3, the Club whose First Team finishes first in the Premier Division may elect to occupy a promotion position to State League 2, given they are deemed eligible by Football West. Football West will contact the relevant Club prior to the end of the Competition Season to determine whether they wish to accept promotion to State League 2 in the following Competition Season if they occupy a promotion position at the conclusion of the Competition Season.
7. Subject to Article 3, the Club whose First Team finishes in second place in the Premier Division will enter into a Play-Off with the State League Division 2 Team that finishes in second last position at the conclusion of the Competition Season. This is on the basis the second placed Premier Division Club is eligible for promotion. If that Club is not eligible for promotion, the third placed Premier Division Club will occupy their position in the Play-Off for Promotion to State League Division 2.
8. A Club that has Teams in either the Senior NPLWA-M or Men's State League Competitions is ineligible for promotion to State League 2.
9. Clubs finishing in the lowest two places of each First Team Division at the end of the Competition Season will play in the Division below (as determined by Football West) in the following Competition Season, with the exception of the lowest ranked Division.
10. Football West reserves the right to alter promotion and relegation rules if one or more Clubs withdraws from the Amateur League either during or after the Competition Season, or in cases where there are fewer than twelve (12) teams in any Division. Any such change in rules will be determined in consultation with the Amateur, Metropolitan & Masters Standing Committee.
11. If enacting paragraphs 5 and 6 causes paragraph 2 to be breached, then Football West will determine which Clubs are promoted and relegated, if any.
12. Should a vacancy be created in any Division before the commencement of the following Competition Season, then the vacancy will be filled through a process determined by Football West in consultation with the Amateur, Metropolitan & Masters Standing Committee.
13. Should circumstances arise that prevent a Competition from being completed in a fair manner, Football West reserves the right to make a determination as to how that Competition will be finalised. All affected Clubs and the Amateur, Metropolitan and Masters Standing Committee may be consulted before a decision is made.

## Article 2 - Competition Points

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1. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Points are not transferable between Divisions. If two or more Teams are equal on points on completion of the Competition 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; or
  - g) the drawing of lots.

## Article 3 – Promotion to State League

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1. Subject to the paragraphs mentioned below, the Club whose First Team finishes in last place in State League Division 2 will occupy a relegation position and may be relegated to the Men's Amateur Premier Division, and the Club whose First Team finishes in second last position in Division 2 will play off against the Club whose First Team finishes in second position the Men's Amateur Premier Division.
2. The Club whose First Team finishes in first position in the Amateur Premier Division may, but is not compelled to, exercise its option to have its Team promoted to Division 2 of the State League should they have met State League eligibility requirements.
3. Should the Team that finishes in first position in the Men's Amateur Premier Division choose not to exercise its option of promotion to the State League or not be eligible, the Team that finishes in second position in the Men's Amateur Premier Division will compete in a Play-Off with the last placed Team in State League Division 2.
4. Subject to paragraph 3, the second last placed Team in State League Division 2 will compete against the third placed Team in the Men's Amateur Premier Division.
5. Subject to paragraph 3 and 4 above, should the second and/or third placed Teams be ineligible for promotion to State League Division 2, byes will be awarded to the highest ranked Team scheduled in the Play-Offs.
6. All Play-Off matches will be played over a single leg at a neutral venue, with the winner competing in State League Division 2, in the following season.
7. The dates, times and venue of the Matches will be determined by Football West and may not be challenged by either Club.
8. The order of the Matches will be determined by Football West.
9. The winner of the Play-Off Final will be
  - a. The Club that scores the most goals

- b. If a winner cannot be determined in accordance with paragraph (a), then two periods of extra time of fifteen (15) minutes per period will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- c. If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraph (b) after extra time, the winner of the Play-Off Final will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## **Article 4 - Individual Awards**

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1. A Fairest and Best prize will be awarded to the best First Team Player in each Division.
2. The Match Official for each Match will award votes. Three (3) votes will be awarded to the best Player, two (2) votes to the next best Player and one (1) vote awarded to the third best Player.
3. The First Team Player who receives the most votes over the course of the Competition Season will win the Fairest and Best prize for their Division.
4. If two (2) or more Players tie for the highest number of votes, then a prize will be awarded to each of those Players.
5. If a Player receives a suspension as a result of being shown a Red Card, or as a result of a sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee during the regular Competition Season, he will be ineligible to win the Fairest and Best Award for that season.
6. An award will be presented to the Player who scores the most goals in their Division in league matches throughout the Competition Season. If two or more Players score an equal number of goals, an award will be presented to each of those Players.
7. The Match Official for each Match will award a vote for the best Goalkeeper in every Amateur Premier League First Team Match. Subject to paragraph 5, the Player who receives the most votes over the course of the Competition Season will win the Goalkeeper of the Year prize.

## **Article 5 - Venue**

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1. The home venue of Amateur League Clubs must meet the criteria of a Class C venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
2. 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.
3. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of venue if the proposed new venue is within five (5) kilometres of another Amateur League Club.
4. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West matches.
5. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Amateur League Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

## Article 6 - Matches

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1. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period of a Match must last for a minimum of thirty-five (35) minutes in order that a result may be recorded.
2. The duration of the half time interval will be fifteen (15) minutes.
3. Subject to paragraph 5, all Reserve Team matches must start at 12:45pm.
4. Subject to paragraph 5, all First Team matches must start at 3:00pm.
5. Football West has discretion to allow modification to the kick-off times described in paragraphs 3 and 4 for any reason it deems suitable.
6. The Match Official must adjust the duration of a Reserves Match to ensure that the First Team Match commences at its scheduled kick-off time.
7. When a Match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 6, each Match Official is entitled to receive the full amount of their normal Match fee.
8. The Technical Area may have a maximum of ten (10) occupants, consisting of a maximum of seven (7) named substitutes and a maximum of three (3) Team Officials.
9. All substitutes must be seated within the Technical Area unless warming up.
10. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside the Technical Area, provided they are wearing different colours to both teams and the Match Officials.
11. Substitutes in Reserves Teams are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match. All substitutes in Reserves Teams are able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions.
12. In the event that a Club does not have sufficient Players to field a Reserve and First Team, the First Team will take priority.
13. Spectators are not permitted inside the barrier which separates the field of play from the rest of the venue while the Match is in progress. If the barrier in place is only in place around part of the field of play, spectators may only watch the Match from behind that partial barrier. For the avoidance of doubt, there must be a barrier between a spectator and the field of play. It is the responsibility of the home Club to enforce this.
14. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the Match Official may use their discretion to allow Players to take drink breaks. During any such break, all Players must remain on the field of play.
15. The home Club must provide one (1) stretcher to be placed between the technical areas 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.

**Penalty for Breach      \$50**

16. The results of each Match must be entered into the Competition Management System by the home Club within two (2) hours of the completion of the Match

**Penalty for Breach      \$50**

17. Football West reserves the right to instruct a home Club to increase the minimum-security arrangements for any Match at any time. The cost of any additional security arrangements will be borne by the home Club.
18. 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.

19. Football West may allocate Match Commissioners to any Match. A Match Commissioner is a Match Official and has the same status as Match Officials and Assistant Match Officials.
20. Football West reserve the right to charge an admission fee for any matches and competitions at the State Football Centre at a rate determined by Football West

## Article 7 – Ground Marshals

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1. Each Club must appoint ground marshals who are at least 18 years of age whose duties are:
  - a) to provide an escort for the Match Officials to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period; and
  - b) to liaise with Club Officials and emergency services if required.
  - c) to supervise the conduct of ball persons if provided;
2. The home Club must provide at least two (2) ground marshals for each First Team and Reserves Team Match.  
**Penalty for Breach      \$100**
3. The away Club must provide at least two (2) ground marshals for each First Team Match and one (1) ground marshal for each Reserves Team Match.  
**Penalty for Breach      \$100**
4. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that the ground marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities during a Match.
5. 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 collecting gate fees may not be a ground marshal).
6. Each ground marshal must wear the vests which have been supplied by Football West. Ground marshals must be present and visible at all times for the duration of the match.
7. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West
8. Ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
9. If no ground marshals are present or the number of ground marshals are not met in relation to paragraphs 2 & 3 the Match Official has sole discretion not to commence the match. Home Clubs will have fifteen (15) minutes following the scheduled kick-off time to appoint the required ground marshals or the Match may not proceed. In such cases Clubs will be penalised in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 6 of the Community Competition Rules.
10. In the case a Match proceeds without the required number of Ground Marshals, penalties set out in Appendix B, in the Community Competition Rules, will apply at the discretion of Football West.

## Article 8 - Match Documentation

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1. An Electronic Match Card is the online form which is used to enter the details of a Match.
2. All Amateur League competitions will use Electronic Match Cards.

3. An Electronic Match Card must be completed accurately fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match and the following penalties apply to a breach of this requirement:
  - a. If no Match Card is submitted:  
**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit an \$200 Fine**
  - b. If any of the following are not completed accurately:
    - i. all Player names;
    - ii. all Players assigned a correct shirt number;
    - iii. all Team Officials listed;
    - iv. eligible overage Players denoted; and
    - v. starting Players assigned.  
**Penalty for Breach: \$100 Fine**
4. Nothing in paragraph 3 prevents Football West from issuing sanctions in relation to Players that are ineligible or for any other breach of the competition rules.
5. A Player whose name appears on an Electronic Match Card is deemed to have participated in the Match as either a Player or a named substitute. Players that are named substitutes but do not take the field are still participants but do not count as having taken the field for the purposes of any other competition rule.
6. The Team List received by Football West will be accepted as the facts relating to the Match.
7. All Team Officials who wish to sit in the Technical Area during any Match must be registered on PlayFootball as a coach or related role.  
**Penalty for Breach** **\$100 Fine**
8. The home Club is responsible for entering the final score of the Match.
9. A Club may contact Football West if it believes that the details on the Match documentation have misidentified a goal scorer or substitute.
10. Goal scorer(s) for a particular fixture cannot be contested following the commencement of a subsequent round.
11. 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
12. Each Club must make available a Team List to the Match Official on Match day. A copy of the Team List should be retained by the Club. Copies of the Team List must also be made available to:
  - a) the opposition Club;
  - b) the Home Club Media Officer;

- c) Football West's Match Reporter; and
  - d) Football West's Videographer.
13. If there are technical difficulties with the Electronic Match Card system a Team may email Football West Club Support with the details of a participant in the Match prior to the Match's scheduled kick off time and Football West may at its discretion accept this as a valid Electronic Match Card.

## Article 9 - Players

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1. Players who are designated Professional Players in accordance with the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations may not participate in the Amateur League.  
**Penalty for Breach      Forfeiture of the match**
2. To be eligible to play in the Amateur League, a Player must have been born in 2007 or earlier unless otherwise deemed eligible at the discretion of Football West.
3. No more than seven (7) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List for the First Team. No more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List for the Reserves.
4. The 2023 Men's Amateur League Competition Season will be conducted under temporarily amended version of the FIFA Laws of the Game allowing for five (5) substitutes to be made. In Men's Amateur League Matches:
  - 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 opportunities for each Team.
  - d) Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time.
  - e) Where competition rules allow an additional substitution in extra time, Teams 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.
5. The following restrictions apply to Players moving between Teams unless a written exemption is issued by Football West:
  - a) Once a Player has taken the field in an NPL Senior Team Match they are ineligible to participate in either the Amateur League, Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same Competition Season.
  - b) Once a Player has taken the field in three (3) State League first Team Matches, they are ineligible to participate in either the Amateur League, Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same Competition Season.
  - c) Once a Player has taken the field in ten (10) State League reserve Team Matches, they are ineligible to participate in either the Amateur League, Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same Competition Season, unless they play as a goalkeeper only.
  - d) Once a Player has taken the field in three (3) Amateur League first Team Matches, they are ineligible to participate in either Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same

Competition Season, unless they play as a goalkeeper only.

- e) Once a Player has taken the field in ten (10) Amateur League reserve Team Matches, they are ineligible to participate in either Metropolitan League or Masters League in the same Competition Season, unless they play as a goalkeeper only.
6. A Player may not be named on two separate Team Lists within the Amateur League on the same day, unless the two Team Lists are those of a First Team and its associated Reserves Team.
7. A Team may only have two (2) Players in any one weekend who are listed on the Roster of a State League Team.
8. A Player on the Roster of a State League Team may only play for the First Team of the highest ranked Amateur League side at a Club.
9. A Player on the Roster of a State League Team may not play below Amateur Division Two regardless of any other exemptions.
10. Once a Player has taken the field of play in a First Team of the Amateur League on eleven (11) occasions, he may not appear on the Team List of any other Team in a lower ranked Division for the same Club. This rule does not apply to Players who may play in the First Team and associated Reserves Team of the same Division.

## **Article 10 - Proof of Registration**

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1. Proof of Registration as described in the Competition Rules must be provided to the opposition Club along with the Team List before each Match commences. If any Club is unable to provide proof of registration, the Match may proceed, but the Match Official MUST submit a report to Football West stating that the Club in question failed to provide proof of registration. The opposition Club must return the proof of registration to each Club at the end of the Match.
2. If a Club notices a discrepancy in the opposition's Proof of Registration, it MUST draw it to the attention of the Match Official. In such cases, the Match Official MUST submit a report to Football West. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not the Match Official's role to make a judgment on the validity of the discrepancy but rather to simply report it to Football West. Regardless of any alleged discrepancy, the Match must be allowed to proceed. For the avoidance of doubt, the Match Official has no authority to stop a Player from taking the field of play based on any discrepancy in that Player's proof of registration.
3. A Player eligibility protest on the grounds of failure to produce Proof of Registration will only be accepted if a report has been received by Football West from the Match Official.

## **Article 11 - Playing Strips**

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1. All Clubs must nominate a home and alternative playing strip.
2. A Team whose shirts comprise vertical stripes must have a plain coloured background on the back of each shirt on which the number is placed. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the colour of the aforementioned background.

**Penalty for Breach**      **\$50**

3. In any Match, if the shirts or socks of the participating Teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the Match Official 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 Match Official's decision is final.
4. If the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the Match Official 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 and must be postponed. For the avoidance of doubt, bibs may not be used.
5. A Match that has been postponed in accordance with paragraph 4 may be rescheduled in accordance with Article 3 of the Community Competition Rules.

## Article 12 - Match Balls

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1. The home Club will provide the Match Official with three (3) Match balls no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.

**Penalty for Breach      \$50**

2. All matches in the Premier & Premier Reserves divisions must use the Football West designated ball. Three (3) Match balls will be provided free of charge to each Premier Division Club.

**Penalty for Breach      \$50**

3. Match balls for all Matches must be size 5 and meet the requirements of the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Article 13 - Match Officials

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1. With the exception of the Premier League and Premier League Reserves, where the home Club is responsible for 100% of Match Official fees, 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 Competition Season.
2. Match Official fees are payable in cash to the Match Official(s) on the day of the Match before the Match commences, with the exception of the Premier & Premier Reserves Divisions, which will be paid by the Clubs following monthly invoices issued by Football West.
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 Match Official 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 Match Official.
5. In the absence of one or both assistant Match Officials, each Team will provide a Club assistant Match Official to assist the Match Official. If either Club does not comply, then the Match may not proceed.
6. If the officially appointed Match Official delays any Match which is completed or abandoned later that same day, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of the Match outlining the reasons for their actions. The officially appointed Match Official is entitled to 100% of the Match fee for a delayed Match which is subsequently completed or

abandoned.

7. If the officially appointed Match Official delays any Match which is not commenced that same day, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within seventy-two (72\_ hours of the scheduled conclusion of the Match outlining the reasons for their actions. The officially appointed Match Official is entitled to 50% of the Match fee for a delayed Match which is subsequently postponed to another date.
8. When a Match is forfeited by a Club, the Match Official 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 (seventy-two) 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
9. When a Match is abandoned, the Match Officials are entitled to receive the full amount of their normal Match fees.

## **Article 14 - Representative Teams**

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1. If a Club has four (4) 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 Competition Season, Football West will determine the Team of a Player from the Team Lists available. Football West's decision in determining the Team of a Player is final.

## **Article 15 - Fair Play Award**

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1. Football West will present a Fair Play Award of \$1,000 to the Club whose Amateur League First and Reserves Teams in the Premier Division receive the fewest number of penalty points.
2. Penalty points are accrued according to the following scale:

a)	Each single yellow card issued	1 point
b)	Each indirect red card issued (two yellow cards to a single Club Associate)	3 points
c)	Each direct red card issued	5 points
d)	Five or more Club Associates cautioned or sent off in a single Match	5 points
e)	Three or more Club Associates sent off in a single Match	10 points
3. In the event that two or more Clubs receive the fewest penalty points, the award will be shared.

## Part 2 – Amateur Cup

### Article 16 - General

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

### Article 17 - Competition Format

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1. Subject to paragraph 2, all first Teams in the Amateur League will compete in the Amateur Cup. Entry is compulsory.
2. Only one Team per Club may enter into the Amateur Cup.
3. Regional Clubs may lodge an application to participate in the Amateur Cup and if such an application is successful, that Club's Team will be included in the draw. A successful application from a regional Club must include a Team in both the Amateur Cup and the Amateur Reserves Cup. 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. The Clubs competing in each round of the Competition will be drawn in pairs at random. The pairs will play a Match subject to the FIFA Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures and the winner of each Match will compete in the next round and be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the Competition.
5. A preliminary round will 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. Amateur League Clubs that apply and qualify for Round 4 of the FA Cup will be given a bye in the preliminary round of the Amateur Cup.
7. Amateur League Premier Division Clubs will be given a bye in the preliminary round of the Amateur Cup.
8. After the draw of each round participating Clubs will be informed of the Match date, time and venue.
9. Should scores be level at the full-time whistle two periods of extra time of fifteen (15) minutes per period will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.
10. Should scores be level at the end of the second period of extra time, the outcome of the Match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game. One (1) additional substitute may be used when a Match goes into extra time (whether or not the Team has used the full number of substitutes).

### Article 18 - Players

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1. A Player may not play for a Team in the Amateur Cup if, in the same season, he has previously played for:
  - a) a different Team in the Amateur Cup; or
  - b) an NPL Club or a State League Club in the FA Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup in any round after the Club's first Match in that Competition.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

2. An unused substitute is deemed not to have played in a Match.

## **Article 19 - Match Officials**

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1. For circumstances in which a Match Official is allocated to a Match 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 Amateur Cup Final.

## **Article 20 - Squad Lists**

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1. Football West reserves the right to request a squad list for each competing Team in a Match. If requested, such a list must be provided in writing four (4) days prior to the Match.

# Part 3 – Amateur Reserves Cup

## Article 21 - General

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1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Part 1 of these rules are applicable to the Amateur Reserves Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Part 1 of these rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document and Part 3 takes precedence.

## Article 22 - Competition Format

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1. Subject to paragraph 2, all reserves Teams in the Amateur League will compete in the Amateur Reserves Cup. Entry is compulsory.
2. Only one Team per Club may enter into the Amateur Reserves Cup.
3. Fixtures will be played in accordance with the draw of the Amateur Cup and as specified by Football West.
4. In all Matches, 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 23 - Players

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1. A Player may not play for a Team in the Amateur Reserves Cup if, in the same season, he has previously played for:
  - a) a different Club in the Amateur Cup;
  - b) a different Club in the Amateur Reserves Cup; or
  - c) an NPL Club or a State League Club in the FA Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s 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 6 different fixtures for that Team in question prior to that semi-final or final. This may include participation as a substitute or substituted Player. For clarity this will include participation in Amateur League matches for the Club's Amateur League team in the highest Division.

**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 two (2) business days before the fixture. Football West's decision on any application is final.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

4. An unused substitute is deemed NOT to have played in a fixture.

## **Article 24 - Match Officials**

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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 Amateur Reserves Cup Final.

## **Article 25 - Squad Lists**

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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.