

Annexure 6  
***Community Juniors***

# Part 1 – Common Rules

## Article 1 - General

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1. Junior League Competitions will consist of:
  - a) MiniRoos League;
  - b) Junior Boys League;
  - c) Junior Girls League; and
  - d) Associated Junior Cup Competitions.
2. The rules in this Annexure apply only to the Junior League Competitions. To the extent these rules conflict with any of the other rules published by Football West, the FA and FIFA, these rules will take precedence.
3. Where a rule in this Part 1 appears to conflict with a rule in any other Part of this Annexure dealing with a specific Competition (for example the Part dealing with the MiniRoos League) then the Part dealing with the specific Competition will take precedence.
4. The MiniRoos League will comprise Divisions in the 5-12s age groups. There will be a girls only MiniRoos League with Divisions in the 8s, 10s and 12s age groups.
5. The Junior Boys League will comprise Divisions in the 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s and 18s age groups.
6. The Junior Girls League will comprise Divisions in the 13s, 14s, 16s and 17s age groups.
7. For the Junior Girls League and Junior Boys League, a Club may not enter more than one Team into the same Division unless the Club enters more Teams than there are Divisions, or upon application in writing to and subsequent approval by Football West in its absolute discretion.
8. If a Club fields more than one Team in a single Division, then the Club must submit a Player Roster for each Team at the start of the Competition Season. Subject to the exception in Article 7 Paragraph 6 no Players on the Player Roster for a Team in the relevant League may play for another Team without an exemption in writing from Football West.  
  
**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit**
9. Football West will not accept any Team entries into the Juniors Competitions after 5:00pm Wednesday 3 May 2023, unless at the discretion of Football West.

## Article 2 - Matches

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1. Matches in the Community Junior Competitions may not commence prior to 8:00am.
2. Matches may not commence after midday, without approval from Football West or the opposition.
3. Subject to paragraph 13, the duration of the half time interval will be 5 minutes.
4. On days on which the temperature is expected to be high, the Match Official may use their discretion to allow Players to take more frequent drink breaks. During any such break, all Players must remain on the field of play. No time may be added to the Match for such breaks.
5. The home Club must provide one stretcher which is to be placed 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.

6. Football West may, from time to time, nominate any Match during a Competition Season 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.
7. Spectators may only watch the Match from behind the touch line. For the avoidance of doubt, the home Club must ensure that no spectators are situated behind the goal line while the Match is in progress.
8. Each Club is responsible and accountable for the behaviour of its spectators and their adherence to the Football West Spectator Code of Behaviour, whether playing at home, playing away or at a neutral venue. It is the responsibility of the ground marshals to inform spectators of any breach of the Football West Spectator Code of Behaviour and request immediate compliance. A ground marshal may request any spectator not complying with that code to leave the venue.
9. Once Match fixtures have been published on Football West's website, the home Club may submit a Match time change request in writing. A change request will be valid if submitted and approved by Football West prior to **12:00pm Tuesday** the week before the scheduled kick-off date.
10. A request to change a Match time after the deadline described in paragraph 9 must be accompanied by written consent from the opposition Club. Football West may approve this request in its sole discretion.
11. A Club which has been granted a Match change in accordance with paragraph 9 is responsible for all costs associated with the rescheduled Match.
12. Where two Clubs are required to play a Match that was not played on the originally scheduled date, an agreement stipulating the date and time of the Match between the two Clubs must be sent in writing to Football West. If an agreement is reached between those Clubs and one of those Clubs subsequently fails to compete at the newly agreed date and time for any reason will forfeit the Match.
13. The Match Official must adjust the duration of a Match to ensure that a following Match on the same field of play commences at the scheduled kick-off time. The Match Official is required to inform both Clubs if he shortens the Match in accordance with this paragraph. However, for the avoidance of doubt, a failure by the Match Official to inform the Clubs does not negate the validity of the application of this rule.
14. When a Match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 13, each Match Official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal Match Official fee.
15. No time may be added in any Match to the end of each period for stoppages or injuries.

## **Article 3 - Ground Marshals**

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1. The home 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;
  - b) to liaise with Club Officials and emergency services if required; and
  - c) to supervise the conduct of ball persons if provided.
2. If the Club is using one field of play on a Match day, the Club must appoint at least one (1) ground marshal. A Game Day Co-ordinator may act as a ground marshal and exercise all of a ground marshal's responsibility.
3. If the Club is using more than one field of play on a Match day, the Club must appoint at least two

(2) ground marshals.

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 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 4 - Match Balls

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1. The home Club must provide the Match Official or game leader with a Match ball no later than five (5) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.
2. The size of Match ball to be used for each age group is set out in the following table:

Age Group	Match Ball Size
<b>MiniRoos</b>	
Under 5s – Under 9s	3
Under 10s – Under 12s	4
<b>Junior Leagues</b>	
Under 13s	4
Under 14s – Under 18s	5

## Article 5 - Representative Teams

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1. Football West may nominate Players from any Club of its choosing to participate in Representative Matches during a Competition Season.
2. If a Club has 3 or more players from one Team participating in a Representative Match, it may seek the postponement of any Club Match which conflicts with the Representative Match.
3. If a Match is postponed in accordance with paragraph 2, the postponed Match may not be played within 72 hours of the Representative Match if that Match was played in Western Australia, or 7 days if the Representative Match was played outside Western Australia.

4. To be considered as a qualifying player under paragraph 2, and subject to the conditions of paragraph 5, the Player must have been recorded on that Team's Team List for a minimum of 80% of all Matches up to and including the date of the request to postpone.
5. 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 6 - Venue

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1. All Matches must be played on either natural or artificial grass.
2. The home venue of a Junior League Club must meet the criteria of a Class D venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
3. 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 Football West forms the view that the facilities do not meet the criteria as set out in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
4. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of home ground venue if the proposed new home ground venue is within 5 kilometres of another Club.
5. Football West reserves the right to require that its, FA's and NPL's sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at the venue at which Matches are played. A Club and each Team must comply with any lawful direction given by Football West in connection with this paragraph.
6. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues. A Club and each Team must comply with any lawful direction given by Football West in connection with this paragraph.
7. Should a ground sharing arrangement be approved by Football West, priority use of the venue in the event of any Match clashes will be awarded to the Club who used the venue as its home ground immediately prior to the finalisation of the arrangement.
8. Each Club must have a first aid kit available at the venue on the date of the Match.

**Penalty if not available \$100**

## Article 7 - Players

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1. Only female Players may participate in the Girls MiniRoos or Junior Girls League Competitions.
2. A request for a Player to participate in an age group other than that age group for which that Player is eligible must be made via application to Football West.
3. Regardless of the eligible years below, which create a presumption that a Player may participate in those age groups, a Player seeking to participate in an age group more than one year older than that Player's actual age, for example, a 13 year old seeking to play Under 15s, must be made in writing to Football West in accordance with the Football West Playing Out of Age Group Process (as published by Football West from time to time). Such a request may be granted after the Player has been assessed by Football West. Until such time as Football West approves the request in writing, the Player is ineligible to participate in the requested age group.
4. If a request is made to Football West in accordance with paragraph 2, the request must be

accompanied by a letter signed by the Club secretary, at least one of the Player's parents or guardians and a qualified medical practitioner or other professional person who is qualified to provide evidence of physical, emotional or intellectual disadvantage. No such request will be granted until it has been assessed by Football West, and the Player is ineligible to participate in the requested age group until written notification has been received from Football West. Conditions that may affect performance intermittently or that can be remedied through conventional medication, visual aids, hearing implants or other means will not be considered. A new exemption must be applied for each year by the relevant Player.

5. If an exemption is based on a Player's physical size, a growth index chart signed by a medical professional will be required:
  - a) Applications are required to be submitted each Competition Season.
  - b) Applications from a prior Competition Season will not be accepted and do not carry through to a new Competition Season. For clarity, a new application must be submitted each year so that a Player can be re-assessed by Football West.
6. If a Club has two Teams within the same Division, a maximum of two (2) Players may play in the other Team within that Division. For clarity this does not need to be the same two (2) Players each week.
7. A maximum of two (2) Players may play in the next lowest ranked Team in a lower Division to that in which those Players normally play including the case where a Player's normal Team is in the NPL Juniors, subject to the restrictions set out in the NPLWA Competition Rules. A Player who normally plays in a Senior Competition for a Team, for example, the Metropolitan Leagues or Amateur Leagues, may only play down in a lower ranked Competition three (3) times in a Competition Season. If there is disagreement about the Team in which any such Player normally plays, Football West will make a determination and any such determination is final. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player may not play in a Team which is below the Club's next lowest ranked Team under any circumstances.
8. A maximum of two (2) Players may play in the next lowest ranked Team in a lower Division to that in which those Players normally play in the Women's League Competition. The player may only play down in a lower ranked Competition five (5) times in a Competition Season. If there is disagreement about the Team in which any such Player normally plays, Football West will make a determination and any such determination is final. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player may not play in a Team which is below the Club's next lowest ranked Team under any circumstances.
9. A Player who is age eligible to play MiniRoos Matches but competes in the Junior League must have a photograph on their PlayFootball registration card.

## **Article 8 – Proof of Registration**

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1. PlayFootball must be used to generate proof of registration including a Player photograph for every Player participating in a Match with the exception of Matches within ages groups 5s-12s.
2. Evidence of registration without a valid Player photograph is not acceptable as proof of registration. The Player must be able to be identified from the Player photograph. A registration without a valid Player photograph renders the Player ineligible until a valid Player photograph is added.
3. All coaches must be registered on PlayFootball registration system before the start of their respective Competition or as soon as reasonably practicable if they are appointed during the Competition Season.

**Penalty for each occurrence of Breach      \$50.00**

4. Each Team must produce proof of registration to the opposition Team manager for all of its listed Players prior to kick off in all Under 13's to Under 18's Matches. This may be produced electronically but must be in a format that allows the opposition Club to verify Player identities. For clarity, the preferred format is a pdf version of the Player ID Cards sent electronically to the opposition Club.
5. If a Club is unable to produce proof of registration for any Player prior to kick-off the Match may proceed. However, the proof of registration must be produced before the end of the Match for that Player(s) to be deemed eligible to participate. If the Club is unable to produce the proof by the end of the Match, the Player(s) will be deemed ineligible.
6. The failure of a Club to produce proof of registration to the opposition Club must be reported to the Match Official who must note that failure on the Team List. If the failure of a Club to produce proof of registration is not communicated to the Match Official, then no protest based on the ineligibility for that Player(s) will be reviewed under any circumstances.
7. If a Club has complied with all necessary requirements and wishes to subsequently lodge a Player Eligibility Protest, it must do so in accordance with the conditions specified in the Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations.

## Article 9 - Match Documentation

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1. All Junior League Competitions and MiniRoos Competitions from Under 8's to Under 12's will use Electronic Match Cards to record the details of each Match.
2. MiniRoos Competitions from Under 5's to Under 7's will use attendance sheets.
3. An Electronic Match Card must be completed accurately no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match. The following penalties apply to a breach of this requirement:
  - a. If no Electronic Match Card is submitted:  
**Penalty for Breach: Forfeiture of the Match and \$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. 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 \$50 Fine**
5. The home Club is responsible for entering the final score of the Match as well as their goal scorers. Goal scorers are not to be added for MiniRoos Competitions.
6. The away Club is responsible for entering their goal scorers. Goal scorers are not to be added for MiniRoos Competitions.

7. The Electronic Match Card received by Football West will be accepted as the facts relating to the Match.
8. The result 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.
9. Football West will be responsible for the entry of any Yellow Cards and Red Cards from the Match based on the Match Official's report.
10. If there are technical difficulties with the Electronic Match Card system a Team may email Football West with the details of participants 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.



# Part 2 MiniRoos

## Article 10 - Competition Format

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1. The rules in this Part 2 apply to the MiniRoos League.
2. In the 5 - 6s and 7s age groups, each game day will be held at the designated host venue in each Club cluster.
3. In the 8-12s age groups, where possible, the Team from each Club will play the corresponding Team from every other Club in its Division twice, once at its home venue and once at the opposition's home venue.
4. A Club may request a change to the Division of one or more of its Teams in the MiniRoos League by application in writing to Football West. Any such change may or may not be granted at the discretion of Football West, and if granted any change will be subject to applicable administration fees. Any decision by Football West is final.
5. MiniRoos Football must be played according to the MiniRoos Laws of the Game as published on the Football West website.

## Article 11 - Abandoned Matches

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1. Abandoned Matches in the MiniRoos or Under 12s League will not be replayed under any circumstances.

## Article 12 - Match Documentation

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1. Players in the 5s, 6s and 7s age groups are required to have their names and registration numbers recorded on an attendance sheet.
2. Players in the 8-12s age groups will be recorded in accordance with Article 9.
3. In the 5s, 6s and 7s age groups, it is the responsibility of each Club's Team manager or equivalent to give the completed attendance sheet to the Game Day Co-ordinator.
4. The Game Day Co-ordinator must forward all attendance sheets from each game day to reach Football West within five (5) Business Days of the Match day.
5. Goal scorers are not to be added for MiniRoos competitions
6. The result of each Match must be entered into the Competition Management System by the home Club no later than 8:00pm on the day of the Match. After this point the results will be locked.

## Article 13 - Players

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1. Players are eligible to play in competitions according to the following table:

Age Group	Eligible Male Birth Years	Eligible Female Birth Years
5s	2017, 2018	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
6s	2017, 2018	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
7s	2016, 2017	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
8s	2015, 2016, 2017	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
9s	2014, 2015, 2016	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
10s	2013, 2014, 2015	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
11s	2012, 2013, 2014	2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
12s	2011, 2012, 2013	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Girls 8s	-	2015, 2016, 2017
Girls 10s	-	2013, 2014, 2015
Girls 12s	-	2011, 2012, 2013

2. Interchangeable substitutes may be used in all MiniRoos Matches as follows:
  - a) 6s & 7s age groups – maximum of 3 substitutes;
  - b) 8s & 9s age groups– maximum of 4 substitutes; and
  - c) 10s & 11s & 12s age groups – maximum of 5 substitutes.

## Article 14 - Playing Strips

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1. In any 8-12s age group Match, if the shirts of the participating Teams are alike or similar, then Players of the home Team will be required to change its shirts. If the home Team does not have a set of differently coloured shirt, they may wear differently coloured bibs.
2. In any 6-7s age group Match, if the shirts of the participating Teams are alike or similar, then Players of the first mentioned Team may wear differently coloured bibs.

# Part 3 Junior Leagues

## Article 15 – General

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1. The rules in this Part 3 applies to the Junior Leagues.
2. The Junior Leagues will be divided into a Junior Girls League and a Junior Boys League.

## Article 16 – Competition Format

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1. Teams will be ranked in their respective Divisions according to the number of Competitions points they accrue over a relevant Competition Season. The order in which a Team finishes the Competition Season will be determined by the Competition format as specified in this Article 16.
2. The Team finishing in first place of each Division of the Junior Competitions will, at the conclusion of the Competition Season, be crowned the champion Team for that Competition Season in that Division.
3. Results and Team rankings for the Under 12s age groups will be recorded by Football West for the purposes of placing a Team in the appropriate Division in the following Competition Season.
4. The Clubs finishing in 1st and 2nd places in each Division at the end of the Competition Season, will occupy promotion positions and may elect to be promoted into the higher ranked Division in the following Competition Season, with the exception of Teams who are already playing in the highest ranked Divisions.
5. The Clubs who finish in the lowest two places of each Division at the end of the Competition Season will occupy relegation positions, and will be relegated to the lower ranked Division in the following Competition Season, with the exception of those Teams already playing in the lowest ranked Divisions.
6. Football West will consider a Team's finishing position for that Competition Season in each relevant Division to properly assign a Team to an appropriate league and Division in the following Competition Season.
7. There will be a promotion and relegation relationship between Division Two and the regional Divisions, if numbers allow for such a divide to exist in the Competition. The Clubs which finish in first position in North Division One and South Division One may nominate to play in Division Two in the next highest age group in the following Competition Season. If either or both Clubs exercise this option, then the Teams occupying the lowest two positions in Division Two may be relegated subject to other rules and regulations, their geographical locations and the discretion of Football West.
8. Clubs occupying promotion positions will play in the next highest available Division in the next highest age group in the following Competition Season. However, Football West reserves the right not to promote a Club, or to promote more than two Clubs depending on the changing structure of any Competitions, including but not limited to the requirement to incorporate development Teams in specific Competitions or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West.
9. Clubs occupying a relegation position, will play in the next lowest available Division in the next highest age group in the following Competition Season. However, Football West reserves the right not to relegate a Club, or to relegate an appropriate number of Clubs required as a result of any change in the structure of any Competitions, including but not limited to the requirement to incorporate development Teams in specific Competitions or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West.
10. Prior to the commencement of any Competition Season, a Club may, by written notification to Football West, request a Division change for one or more of its Teams competing in the Junior Leagues. Football West may, in its absolute discretion, grant a Division change to a requesting Club. However any such change will be subject to payment by that Club of the applicable administration charges.

11. Applications by a Club to regrade any of its competing Teams will only be accepted in writing to Football West, sent from either the Club Secretary or Club President.
12. Applications by a Club to regrade any of its competing Teams will not be considered if any such application is received by Football West between the period commencing two (2) weeks prior to Round 1 commencing in that relevant Division and the completion of Round 3. Football West may, in its absolute discretion, approve a regrading request for exceptional circumstances and having considered all relevant factors for any applications made inside of this period.
13. Football West will implement and process (where possible) regarding applications in the time period commencing between the completion of Round 3 and the completion of Round 4.
14. Any regrading applications received by Football West after the time period specified in paragraph 12 may only be implemented at the sole discretion of Football West.
15. Wherever possible, Competitions will be structured so that each Team in a Division plays each other Team in that Division on an equal number of occasions. However, in circumstances where it is not possible to facilitate fixtures in this way, Football West will design a Match schedule which is, in its opinion, equitable to all the Teams concerned.
16. Football West will use its best endeavours to ensure that an equal number of Matches are played by each Team in a Division. In circumstances where an equal number of Matches are not able to be played by each Team in that Division, Football West may, in its sole discretion, implement an alternative system of ranking for the Teams that are competing in that Division.

## Article 17 – Regraded Teams

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1. For the purpose of this Article 17 and Article 18;
  - a) **“Regraded A”** refers to the Team moving Division.
  - b) **“Regraded B”** refers to a second Team that has been regraded.
  - c) **“Original Teams”** refers to the Teams originally in the Division.
  - d) **“New Division”** refers to the Division the Regraded A and/or Regraded B has moved into.
  - e) **“Old Division”** refers to the Division the Regraded A and/or Regraded B has moved from.
  - f) **“Withdrawn Team”** refers to a Team that has been removed from all Competitions.
  - g) **“Team A”** refers to Team that is new and has not competed in any Competitions.
  - h) **“Limitation Period”** refers to a period of time that Football West will set at the time of regrading, for Teams to organise CUG's.
  - i) **“CUG”** refers to a Catch-Up Game.
2. A Team may apply to be regraded into a different Division within its age group by submitting a request in writing to Football West, who may, in Football West's discretion grant this request.
3. In accordance with Article 18, if Football West grants a Team the ability to be regraded, a Limitation Period will apply in which the regraded Club must organise with the Original Teams the details of any CUG.
4. If Regraded A moves into a Division with a bye:
  - a) Regraded A replaces the bye fixtures in that New Division.

- b) Regraded A must organise CUG's with those Teams in the New Division.
  - c) All Competition points accrued by Regraded A in its Old Division will be annulled.
5. If Regraded A moves into a Division whereby Regraded B has moved into another Division:
- a) Regraded A will replace and assume Regraded B's fixtures in New Division.
  - b) Regraded A to organise CUG's with the Original Teams in New Division.
  - c) All Competition points accrued by Regraded A in its Old Division will be annulled.
6. Where a Team is withdrawn from all Competitions:
- a) All Competition points accrued by that Withdrawn Team is annulled.
  - b) If no replacement Team moves into that Division a bye will be entered to fill the gap in the fixtures.
  - c) If a Team is regraded into the Division, that Team will replace the Withdrawn Team.
7. Where Team A is entered into a Division, Football West will either;
- (i) replace a bye with Team A - If Team A replaces a bye, Team A will need to organise CUG's with the Original Teams in the Division; or
  - (ii) redraw fixtures to accommodate Team A - If fixtures are redrawn, Football West will notify Teams in writing of what CUG's are required.

## **Article 18 – Catch Up Games**

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1. CUG's may be required with movement of Teams between Divisions.
2. CUG's are not required for Teams in the Under 5s to Under 12s age groups inclusive.
3. CUG's;
  - a) may be scheduled and played at any time as agreed by both relevant Teams playing the CUG and Football West must be notified in writing of this agreement between the playing Teams as soon as practicable but in any event prior to 21 August 2023;
  - b) may not be played after the end of a regular Competition Season;
  - c) must not be played during or after the Top Four Finals Competition;
  - d) agreed to be scheduled after 21 August 2023 may only proceed with the written permission of Football West;
  - e) required to be played within the Limitation Period must be organised by the Regraded A Team and its opposition Team;
  - f) not able to be played or scheduled absent of any proof that bona fide attempts have been made to organise CUG's (in Football West's reasonable opinion) with the opposition Team prior the conclusion of the Limitation Period, will result in the Original Team(s) being awarded a 3-0 win in place of a CUG.
4. If the relevant Teams cannot reach an agreement over the date and time of a CUG, Football West may, in its discretion:
  - a) set the Match fixture details; or
  - b) award a 0-0 draw to the Teams.

5. If a Club provides bona fide evidence in writing to Football West that its attempts to organise a CUG with the opposing Team have not been reciprocated, Football West may at its discretion:
  - (i) set the Match fixture details; or
  - (ii) award a 0-0 draw to the Teams.
  - (iii) forfeit the fixture against the non-reciprocating Team.
6. Any decision made by Football West in respect paragraphs 3 to 5, which results in Football West's decision to award Competition Points to a relevant Team is not subject to challenge by any Club or Team.

## Article 19 - Competition Points

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1. In respect to the result of a Match, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Competition points are not transferable between Divisions.
2. If two or more Teams are equal on Competition Points on completion of the Competition Season, the following criteria will be applied in order to determine the higher ranking Team for that Division:
  - 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; and
  - g) the drawing of lots.

## Article 20 - Matches

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1. All Clubs must have a technical area at all Junior League Matches
2. Two technical areas must be marked and may only extend 1 metre either side of the designated seating area as per the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Article 21 - Players

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1. Only female Players may participate in the Junior Girls League.
2. Players are eligible to play in Competitions according to the following table:

Age Group	Eligible Male Birth Years	Eligible Female Birth Years
13s	2009 <sup>†</sup> , 2010, 2011, 2012*	2008 <sup>†</sup> , 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012*
14s	2008 <sup>†</sup> , 2009, 2010, 2011*	2007 <sup>†</sup> , 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011*
15s	2007 <sup>†</sup> , 2008, 2009, 2010*	2006 <sup>†</sup> , 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*
16s	2006 <sup>†</sup> , 2007, 2008, 2009*	2005 <sup>†</sup> , 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009*
18s	2004 <sup>†</sup> , 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008*	2004 <sup>†</sup> , 2005, 2006, 2007*
Girls 13s	-	2009 <sup>†</sup> , 2010, 2011, 2012*

<b>Girls 14s</b>	-	2008 <sup>†</sup> , 2009, 2010, 2011*
<b>Girls 16s</b>	-	2006 <sup>†</sup> , 2007, 2008, 2009*
<b>Girls 17s</b>	-	2005 <sup>†</sup> , 2006, 2007, 2008*

Birth years with an asterisk (\*) require an exemption from Football West to participate in the relevant age group in accordance with Article 7.3.

Birth years with a cross (†) require a medical exemption to play in the age group.

An Under 17s Junior Girls Team may include a maximum of three (3) Players who were born in 2005 on the Team List for any Match. Each of these Players must be marked on the Team List with an asterisk next to each overage Player's name.

**Penalty for Breach (failing to mark Team list): \$200**

**Penalty for Breach (4 or more overage Players): Forfeiture of the Match**

3. These age limitations do not apply to the NTC Girls 14s Team which will play in the Junior Boys League 13s Division 1.
4. A Club (or its representative) wishing to approach a Player or a Player's parent(s) or guardian(s) for the purpose of procuring the services of that Player, must seek the express written permission of the Club with which the Player is registered and Football West prior to the approach being made.

**Penalty for Breach \$500**

## Article 22 - Match Officials

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1. 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 on Football West's website.
2. Representatives from each Team must liaise with each other to ensure that the Match Official(s) receive payment in cash of the Match Official fees on the day of the Match.
3. Football West in its sole and absolute discretion will allocate a Match Official(s) to a relevant match. No Club may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular Match Official.
4. In the event that a Match Official is unable to be allocated to a Match by Football West, or in circumstances where no Match Official allocated to a Match is ready and able to commence a Match within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the home Club must allocate a Match Official.
5. If a Match Official is appointed by the home Club in accordance with paragraph 4, that Match Official must be at least two years older than the age group of the Teams playing in that relevant Match.
6. In the absence of one or both assistant Match Officials, each Team must provide a Club assistant Match Official to assist the allocated Match Official. If either Club does not comply, then the Match must not proceed. In such a circumstance, the Match will proceed in accordance with Article 3 of the Community Competition Rules.
7. If an appointed Match Official postpones or delays a Match for any reason, that Match Official must, within 3 Business Days of the Match date, submit a report in writing to Football West which sets out the reasons for his decision to postpone or delay the Match. Where a Match is postponed, the appointed Match Official is entitled to receive 50% of the prescribed Match fee and 100% of the Match fee if the Match is delayed whether that Match is subsequently completed or abandoned entirely.

8. When a Match is forfeited by a Club for any reason, that Club must pay the Match Official 100% of that Match Official's prescribed Match fee, unless the forfeiting Club informed Football West in writing of its decision to forfeit the Match at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
9. If a Match is abandoned for any reason, the Match Officials are entitled to receive 100% of the Match fee payable by the Club or Clubs responsible for that Match's abandonment.

## **Article 23 - Modifications to the Laws of the Game**

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1. Matches in the 13s and 14s age groups will be played over two equal playing periods of 30 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing period must last for a minimum of 20 minutes for a result to be recorded.
2. Matches in the 15s age group will be played over two equal playing periods of 35 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing period must last for a minimum of 25 minutes for a result to be recorded.
3. Matches in the 16s and 17s age group will be played over two equal playing periods of 40 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing period must last for a minimum of 25 minutes for a result to be recorded.
4. Matches in the 18s age group will be played over two equal playing periods of 45 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing period must last for a minimum of 30 minutes for a result to be recorded.
5. Substitutes in the Junior Leagues 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 the Junior Leagues are able to be substituted on and off the field of play at will without limitation. All such substitutions must take place at the halfway line.
6. In Matches being played in the 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s and 18s age groups, no more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List of which a maximum of five (5) may be used in any one Match.
7. The Match Official has the power to produce Yellow Cards or Red Cards or temporarily dismiss a Player for prescribed conduct by a Player.
8. Temporary Dismissal System B, as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game, shall apply only to the cautionable offence of dissent by word or action.
9. A Player who is cautioned by a Match Official for dissent by word or action will be punished by a temporary dismissal period of ten (10) minutes for Matches greater than sixty (60) minutes in duration or five (5) minutes for Matches of sixty (60) minutes or less in duration.
10. Temporary dismissals are not recorded on the Electronic Match Card submitted by the Match Official and do not count toward an accumulation of cautions which would otherwise result in the production of a Red Card.
11. Any technical error by a Match Official with respect to employing a temporary dismissal on a Player is final and not subject to challenge by a Team or Player.

## **Article 24 - Playing Strips**

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1. Each Clubs must nominate in writing a "home" and "alternative" playing strip to Football West prior to the commencement of a Competition Season.



2. In any Match, if the Match Official forms the view that the shirts of the participating Teams are alike or similar, or likely to cause confusion, then Players of the home Team will be required to change shirts. The Match Official's decision in this regard is final and not subject to dispute or challenge by a Team or Club.

## **Article 25 – Junior Boys League Players**

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1. Once a Player has taken the field of play in nine (9) Matches in either the NPL or State League Competitions in the Under 18s, Under 20s, Reserves or First Team age groups, that Player is no longer eligible to participate in both the NPL or State League and the Junior Boys League during the same Competition Season. Matches referred to above may comprise of any combination of First Team, Reserves Team and 18s Team Matches as long as no more than nine Under 18s Matches, no more than five Under 20s or Reserves Matches, no more than one First Team Match in the NPL or no more than three (3) First Team State League Matches are played. Following the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Match for the NPL or State League Teams, the relevant Player must choose to play in either the NPL or State League or the Junior Boys Team(s) for which they are eligible.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

2. A Club must notify Football West in writing, confirming that Player's choice to play either NPL, State League or Junior Boys League before that Player may participate in any further Matches. Each Club is responsible for monitoring the number of Matches played by each of that Club's Players.
3. Once a Player has taken the field of play in a NPL or State League Match for the First, Under 20s, Reserves or Under 18s age groups, that Player is not eligible to participate in the Junior Boys League for a Team below Under 15s Division 1 during the same Competition Season. A Club may apply to Football West in writing for an exemption to this rule if that Club's highest placed Team is below the Under 15s Division 1 Competition. Any decision in favour of a Club is in the sole discretion of Football West.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

4. A Player may not play in any age group of the NPL or State League and any age group of the Junior Boys League on the same weekend.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit of Second Match**

5. No NPL Player may play in a Division below Junior Boys League Division 3 unless the relevant Club has applied for an exemption to this rule in writing to, and received written consent by, Football West. Football West will only consider granting such an exemption if the applying Club's highest placed Team is below the Junior Boys League Division 3. For the purposes of this Article 25, a Player will be deemed to be an NPL Player if that Player has appeared on the Electronic Match Card of that Club's NPL Teams on at least 50% of that Player's Matches (if they have played more than two matches) or if they are listed on the Player Roster for that NPL Club.

## Article 26 – Junior Girls League Players

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1. Once a Player has taken to the field in nine (9) Matches of the NPLWA-W First Team or Under 21s, that Player is no longer eligible to participate in both the NPLW-W and the Junior Girls League during the same Competition Season. These nine (9) NPLWA-W Matches may comprise any combination of First Team and Under 21s Team Matches. With no more than three (3) NPLWA-W First Team matches to be played. Following the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Match for the NPLWA-W Team, a Player must choose whether to play in either the NPLWA-W or the Junior Girls League Team(s) for which she is eligible.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

2. A Club must notify Football West in writing, confirming that Player's choice to play either NPLWA-W or Junior Girls League before that Player may participate in any further Matches. Each Club is responsible for monitoring the number of Matches played by each Player of that Club.
3. A Player who has played in any NTC Team may not play in the Junior Girls League in the same Competition Season.

## Part 4 Junior Cups

### Article 27 - General

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1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Part 3 of this Annexure are applicable to the relevant cup competition (i.e., Junior Girls League and Junior Girls Cup) unless otherwise specified in this Part 4.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Part 3 of this Annexure appears to conflict with a rule in this Part 4, the rule in this Part 4 will take precedence.
3. Any protest or complaint which, if upheld, would affect the result of a semi-final must be lodged in writing on a protesting Club's letterhead, accompanied by the relevant fee where appropriate, by 12:00pm on the Tuesday following that semi-final Match. Protests or complaints received by Football West after that time will not be considered.

### Article 28 - Players

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1. A Player may not play for a Team in any Junior Cup if, in the same Competition Season, that Player has previously played for a different Team in any cup Competition.  
**Penalty for Breach**                      **Forfeit**
2. Players are eligible for cup Competitions for the highest age group in which they have participated during the Competition Season subject to the exceptions described in paragraph 3.
3. If a Player has played in multiple age groups, to be eligible to play in a lower age group, that Player must:
  - a) have played at least 50% of that Player's Matches in the lower age group; or
  - b) have played in no more than three (3) Matches for the higher age group.

### Article 29 – Junior Girls Cup Competition Format

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1. All Teams in the 13s, 14s, 16s and 17s Junior Girls League Competition are eligible to compete in the Junior Girls Cup.
2. Entry is automatic for Teams in Division 1 and Division 2 and voluntary for all other Teams in each age group.
3. Each Club proposing entry of a Team into the Junior Girls Cup must specify to Football West that Club's associated Junior Girls League Team to be eligible.
4. A Club that wishes to enter one or more Teams that are not in Division 1 or Division 2 into the Competition, must do so **by 5:00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**. Entries received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of Football West. **Clubs should be aware that the majority of cup Matches, including the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final may be played on Saturdays.**
5. Clubs competing in each round of the Junior Girls Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs at random by Football West. Those drawn 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 which will be drawn in the same manner. This drawing procedure will be repeated until the final of the Junior Girls Cup Competition.
6. A preliminary round Match may be held to ensure that the following rounds of Matches can be played

by the correct number of Teams so that only two Teams remain at the end of the Junior Girls Cup Competition. Football West may determine by any process it deems suitable which Teams will play in these preliminary rounds.

7. Football West will inform each Club in writing of the time, date and venue of a Match after the draw of each round Match.
8. In all Matches played during the Junior Girls Cup, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Article 30 – Junior Girls Cup Player Eligibility

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1. Player eligibility set out in this Article 30 is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 21 (Players), 26 (Junior Girls League Player). And Article 28.
2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a Player must have played in a minimum of five (5) Matches for the Team in question in combination with the Club's associated Junior Girls League Team as set out in Article 29 Paragraph 3, prior to that semi-final or final.

**Penalty for Breach**

**Forfeit**

3. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 2, specifically in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least three (3) Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merits and make determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.
4. 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. An exemption application to Football West which describes that Player's absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2) Business Days before the Match. Football West's decision on any application is final.

**Penalty for Breach**

**Forfeit**

## Article 31 – Junior Boys Cup Competition Format

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1. All Teams in the 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s and 18s Junior Boys League competitions are eligible to compete in the Junior Boys Cup including NPL Teams in the 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s age groups.
2. Entry into the Junior Boys Cup is automatic for NPL and Division 1 Teams and voluntary for all other Teams in each age group.
3. Each Club proposing entry of a Team into the Junior Boys Cup must specify to Football West that Club's associated Junior Boys League Team or NPL Juniors Team to be eligible.
4. A Club that wishes to enter one or more Teams which are not in the NPL or Division 1 into the competition, must do so with the prescribed form as emailed to each Club by Football West **by no later than 5:00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**. Entries received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of Football West. **Clubs should be aware that the majority of cup Matches, including the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final may be played on Saturdays.**

5. Clubs competing in each round of the Junior Boys Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs according to a process determined by Football West. Those 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 which Matches will be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be repeated until the final of the Competition.
6. A preliminary round Match may be held to ensure that the following rounds of Matches can be played by the correct number of Teams so that only two Teams remain at the end of the Junior Boys Cup Competition. Football West may determine by any process it deems suitable which Teams will play in these preliminary rounds.
7. NPL Junior Teams will not compete in any preliminary round Matches.
8. After the draw of each round, Football West will inform each participating Club of the Match date, time and venue in writing.
9. In all Matches, should Match scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
10. In Matches played in the 13sto 18s age groups, no more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List of which a maximum of five (5) substitutes may be used in any one Match.

## **Article 32 – Junior Boys Cup Player Eligibility**

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1. Player eligibility is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 21 (Players), 25 (Junior Boys League Players) and Article 28.
2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a player must have played in a minimum of five (5) different Matches for the Team in question in combination with the Club's associated Team as set out in Article 31.3 prior to that semi-final or final.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

3. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 2, specifically in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least 3 Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merits and make determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.
4. 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. An exemption application to Football West which describes that Player's absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2) Business Days before the Match. Football West's decision on any application is final.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

## **Article 33 – Junior Girls Top 4 Cup Competition Format**

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1. Teams that finish in the top four positions in each Junior Girls League Division in the Regular Season will compete in the Girls Top 4 Cup for that Division. Entry is compulsory for those relevant Teams.
2. Semi-finals will be played between the Team finishing first and the Team finishing fourth in each Division. The Team finishing first will be designated as the home Team.

3. Semi-finals will also be played between the Team finishing second and the Team finishing third in each Division. The Team finishing second will be designated as the home Team.
4. Finals will be played between those Teams who win each of their respective semi-final in each Division.
5. In all Matches played, if the scores are level at the full-time whistle, then the outcome of the Match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as specified in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
6. In the event that a Team is not ready to commence the Match within five (5) minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, the offending Team will be deemed to have forfeited that Match.

## **Article 34 – Junior Girls Top 4 Cup Player Eligibility**

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1. Player eligibility is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 21 (Players) and 26 (Junior Girls League Player).
2. A Player may not participate in more than one Top 4 Cup Competition in any one Competition Season.
3. To be eligible to participate in a Girls Top 4 Cup Match, a Player must have been named on a Team List and eligible to play for the Team in question for at least five (5) Matches after June 30, 2023. These Matches may include Girls Cup Matches or:
  - a) CUG's played within this period of time;
  - b) Matches forfeited by the other Team will count towards this total, but not by fixtures.
4. Clubs are responsible for tracking the eligibility of their Players for the Junior Girls Top 4 Cup.
5. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 3, in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least three (3) Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merit and make a determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.

## **Article 35 – Junior Boys Top 4 Cup Competition Format**

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1. Teams which finish in the highest four positions in each Junior Boys League Division in the Regular Season will compete in the Junior Boys Top 4 Cup for that Division. Entry is compulsory for those Teams.
2. Semi-finals will be played between the Team finishing first and the Team finishing fourth in each Division. The Team finishing first will be designated as the home Team.
3. Semi-finals will also be played between the Team finishing second and the Team finishing third in each Division. The Team finishing second will be designated as the home Team.
4. Finals will be played between the winning Teams from each semi-final in each relevant Division.
5. In all Matches, if the scores are level at the full-time whistle, then the outcome of the Match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as specified in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
6. In the event that a Team is not ready to commence the Match within five (5) minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, the offending Team will be deemed to have forfeited that Match.

## **Article 36 – Junior Boys Top 4 Cup Player Eligibility**

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1. Player eligibility is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 21 (Players) and 25 (Junior Boys League Players).
2. A Player may not participate in more than one (1) Top 4 Cup Competition in any one Competition Season.
3. To be eligible to participate in a Junior Top 4 Cup Match, a Player must have been named on a Team List and eligible to play for the Team in question for at least five (5) Matches after June 30, 2023.
4. These Matches may include Junior Cup Matches or:
  - a) CUG's played within this period of time;
  - b) Matches forfeited by the other Team will count towards this total, but not bye fixtures.
5. Clubs are responsible for tracking the eligibility of their Players in the Top 4 Cup Competition.
6. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 3, in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least 3 Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merit and make a determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.

## **Article 37 - Match Officials**

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1. Football West will pay Match Official fees for the Junior Boys Cup and Junior Girls Cup Grand Finals.

## **Article 38 - 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 to Football West by the relevant Club in writing 4 Business Days prior to the Match.