

Annexure 8

Australia Cup WA Preliminary Rounds

Article 1 - General

1. This document supplements the Australia Cup Competition Regulations as promulgated by Football Australia.
2. This document outlines specific conditions relating to Teams competing in WA Preliminary Round Matches.
3. The Rules set out in this document, and all rules contained within the relevant Annexures in respect of a Team that competes in any of those relevant Competitions is applicable to the Australia Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
4. Where a rule in the relevant Annexures in respect of a Team that competes in any of those relevant Competitions appears to conflict with or is inconsistent with these rules, the rule in this document will take precedence to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency for this specific Competition.

Article 2 - Competition Format

1. Subject to paragraph 2 and 4, entry into the Australia Cup for Clubs other than NPLWA-M Clubs and Men's State League Clubs is voluntary. Entries must be received by a date to be determined by Football West, which Clubs will be notified of, in order to be considered.
2. Entry into the Australia Cup is mandatory for NPLWA-M Clubs and Men's State League Clubs.
3. A Club that has an outstanding debt owing to Football West from the 2022 season or earlier will not be permitted to enter.
4. Perth Glory FC may not enter the Australia Cup.
5. There will be a maximum of seven (7) rounds of competition. Should there be insufficient entries, the competition will start at a round calculated to ensure that the final WA Preliminary Round is Round 7.
6. The Clubs that win their Round 7 Matches will qualify for the National Round of 32 (as defined in the Australia Regulations) and will also compete in the State Cup Final.
7. A Club that enters the Australia Cup will be allocated entry into the Australia Cup competition at different stages according to the following schedule:
 - a) NPLWA-M Clubs – Round 4 of the Australia Cup;
 - b) Men's State League Clubs – Round 3 of the Australia Cup;
 - c) Men's Amateur Premier Division Clubs – Round 2 of the Australia Cup; and
 - d) all other Clubs – Rounds 1 and 2 of the Australia Cup,

however, Football West reserves the right to alter the stage at which any Club enters the Australia Cup competition based on the number of Clubs that wish to enter or any other matter. Subject to the former and for the avoidance of doubt, Teams who occupy a lower ranked Competition will commence the Australia Cup earlier than those Teams in the higher ranked Competitions.

8. Football West reserves the right to facilitate the draw to ensure those Clubs outside the Perth metropolitan area play against each other in Rounds 1 and 2 to minimise travel. A Club that is required to travel more than 150 kilometres for a Match is entitled to a travel subsidy of \$400 plus GST on a properly formatted invoice sent to Football West. Any such invoice must be received by the last Business Day of July in the Competition Season. For the avoidance of doubt, invoices received by Football West after that date will not be accepted and will not be paid.

9. After the confirmation of the competition draw of each round, participating Clubs will be informed of the Match date, time and venue by Football West.
10. In all Rounds, should the scores of those Relevant Matches be level at the full-time whistle, two (2) periods of extra time of fifteen (15) minutes per period will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.
11. Subject to paragraph 10, should the scores of those relevant Matches be level at the end of the second period of extra time, the outcome of those relevant Matches will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game. One additional substitute may be used in those relevant Matches that proceed into extra time (whether or not the team has used the full number of substitutes).
12. Interchangeable substitutes ARE NOT permitted in the Australia Cup. Players are bound by Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game which states that substituted Players must take no further part in a Match as modified temporarily for the 2023 season.
13. No more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List.
14. The 2023 Australia Cup WA Preliminary Rounds will be conducted under temporarily amended version of the Laws of the Game allowing for five (5) substitutes to be made. In Australia Cup WA Preliminary Rounds Matches:
 - a) Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes during a Match.
 - b) Each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the Match. Substitutions may also be made at half-time and in extra 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 are carried forward into extra time.
 - e) Where the 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.

Article 3 – Players

1. A Player must be validly registered on PlayFootball to be eligible to participate in a Australia Cup Match.

Penalty for Breach **Forfeit**

2. A Player may only play for one Club in the Australia Cup.

Penalty for Breach **Forfeit**

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

Article 4 – Admission

1. NPLWA-M Clubs and Men's State League Clubs drawn to play Matches at that Club's home venue

may charge a ground entry fee equivalent to their relevant league Match entry fees.

2. Subject to paragraph 1, no other Club may charge an admission fee for Matches in which no NPLWA-M or Men's State League Clubs are involved.
3. 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 5 - Match Officials

1. Where an NPLWA-M or Men's State League Club is drawn to play Matches at that Club's home venue, the relevant home Club is responsible for all Match Official Fees.
2. Where an Amateur, Metro or Regional Club is drawn to play Matches at that Club's home venue, each participating Club is responsible for 50% each of the relevant Match Official Fees. This payment must be made in cash on the day of the Match even if the away Club is an NPLWA-M, Men's State League or Men's Amateur Premier League Club.
3. In round 2 all Match Official fees will be set at the equivalent rate of an Amateur League match of \$95
4. In round 3 all Match Official fees will be set at the equivalent rate of a State League match of \$150
5. From Round 4 onwards all Match Official fees will be set at the equivalent rate of an NPLWA match fee \$225

A full breakdown of the 2023 Match Official Fees can be found [here](#).

6. Where Football West appoints one or both assistant Match Official(s), the assistant Match Official(s) is/are entitled to payment at a rate of half the ordinary Match Official Match fee stated in paragraphs 3-5 payable according to the conditions set out in Paragraphs 1 & 2.

Article 6 - Match Documentation

1. All Australia Cup preliminary round matches will use Electronic Match Cards.
2. An Electronic Match Card must be completed accurately fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

3. 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.
4. The Team List on the Electronic Match Card received by Football West in respect of a Match will be accepted facts relating to that Match.

5. A Club may contact Football West if it believes that the details on the Match documentation have misidentified a goal scorer or substitute.
6. The Goal scorer(s) for a particular fixture as set out on the Electronic Match Card cannot be contested following the commencement of a subsequent round.
7. Any contest of goal scorers or substitutes should be submitted to Football West by the relevant Club prior to the commencement of the subsequent round 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; and
 - d) name and shirt number of alleged goal scorer/substitute.
8. If there are technical difficulties with the Electronic Match Card system a Team may email Football West Club Support with the details of a participants of the Match prior to the scheduled kick off time and Football West may, at its discretion, accept this as a valid Electronic Match Card. Clubs must further inform the Match Official.