

Annexure 9
State Cup Final

Article 1 - General

1. The Rules set out in this document, and all rules contained within the Australia Cup Competition Regulations, NPLWA Competition Rules, the Competition Rules and Annexure 1 of those rules are applicable to those Teams who qualify for entry into the State Cup Final unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Rules relating to Clubs and Players of the Amateur League set out in Annexure 3 of the Football West Competition Rules apply to those Teams who qualify for entry into the State Cup Final.
3. Where a rule in the NPLWA Competition Rules, the Competition Rules or Annexures 1 or 3 of those rules 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.

Article 2 - Event Ownership

1. The State Cup Final event is owned by Football West. A host Club who is awarded the hosting rights for the State Cup Final may negotiate in writing with Football West to include certain activities at the State Cup Final, which may be approved by Football West in its absolute discretion. A host Club must not include any activities that have not been approved prior to the State Cup Final by Football West.

Article 3 - Competition Format

1. The winners of Round 7 Matches of the WA Preliminary Rounds of the Australia Cup will compete in the State Cup Final. Entry into the State Cup Final is compulsory for those relevant Clubs.
2. Football West will hold (in a manner determined by Football West) a fixture draw to determine who the home Club will be for the State Cup Final.
3. The State Cup Final will be held at a venue chosen by Football West. The decision on the venue is final and may not be challenged by any Club.
4. Should scores of the Match 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.
5. Should scores of the Match 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.
6. The winner of the State Cup Final will receive \$4,000 as prize money.
7. The runner up of the State Cup Final will receive \$1,000 as prize money.
8. No more than seven (7) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List.
9. The 2023 Australia Cup WA Preliminary Rounds will be conducted under temporarily amended version of the FIFA Laws of the Game allowing for five (5) substitutes to be made. In State Cup Final Match:
 - 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 game. Substitutions may also be made at half-time.
 - c) If both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities to make a substitution 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 (1) additional substitution opportunity. Substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time.

Article 4 - Players

- 1. A Player may not play for a Team in the State Cup Final if, in the same Season, that Player has previously played for a different Club in the WA Preliminary Rounds of the Australia Cup, the State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

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

Article 5 - Match Officials

- 1. Match Official Fees will be paid by Football West.

Article 6 - Admission

- 1. Admission fees will be determined by Football West
- 2. Where an admission fee is charged by a host Club, a maximum of twenty-three (23) people from each visiting Team will be provided with a free entry pass to the venue for use by the Players, Club Officials, or a Club's official guests only. The visiting Clubs must inform Football West in writing of the names of those persons to be granted free entry no later than four (4) business days prior to the Final.
- 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 7 - Squad Lists

- 1. Each Club must inform Football West of the 18 Players in its squad to compete in the relevant Match entry no later than four (4) business days prior to the Final.