

Annexure 11

State 18s Cup

Article 1 - General

1. The Rules set out in this document, and all rules contained within the NPLWA Competition Rules, the Competition Rules and Annexure 1 of those rules are applicable to the State 18s Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the NPLWA Competition Rules, the Competition Rules or Annexure 1 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 - Competition Format

1. The 18s Teams of every NPLWA-M Club and every State League Club must enter into and compete in the State 18s Cup. Entry is compulsory.
2. Matches will be played in a fixture draw as specified by Football West.
3. Should scores of a Match be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of that Match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
4. No more than seven (7) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List.
5. The 2024 State 18s Cup will be conducted under a temporarily amended version of the FIFA Laws of the Game allowing for five (5) substitutes to be made. In the State 18s Cup 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 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 (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 3 - Players

1. To be eligible to play in the State 18s Cup, a Player must be born in 2006, 2007, 2008 or 2009.
2. A Team may include a maximum of three (3) Players who were born in 2005 on the Team List. Each of these Players must be marked on the Team List with an asterisk next to each overage Player's name.
3. A Player may not play for a Team in the State 18s Cup if, in the same Season, the Player has previously played for a different Club in the FFA Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

4. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final in the State 18s Cup, a Player must have played in a minimum of 50% of the relevant Club's Matches for the Under 18s Team in question prior to that semi-final or final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

5. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph two (2) if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the relevant Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. Any absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate provided to Football West at least two (2) Business Days before the commencement of the Match. Football West's decision on any such application is final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

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

Article 4 - Match Officials

1. Where two Teams from different Divisions are competing in the State 18s Cup, a Match Official allocated to a Match will be paid the applicable fee payable to which he is entitled for those Matches otherwise officiated in the higher-ranking Competition by the two relevant Teams in equal proportions.
2. Match Official Fees for the final Match will be paid by Football West.

Article 5 - Admission

1. Entry fees may be charged in accordance with the NPLWA Competition Rules and Annexure 1 of the Competition Rules.
2. Where an entry fee is charged, a maximum of twenty-three (23) people from each visiting Team will be provided with a free entry pass to the venue for any one Match Day for use by the Players, Club Officials, or a Club's official guests only. Each visiting Club must inform the home Club in writing of the names of those persons to be granted free entry by 12:00pm on the last Business Day prior to the Match.
3. Football West reserve the right to charge an admission fee for any matches and competitions at the Sam Kerr Football Centre at a rate determined by Football West.

Article 6 - Squad Lists

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) Business Days prior to the Match.