



**FOOTBALL  
WEST**

***Community  
Competition Rules***

This document must be read in conjunction with the following documents.

### **FIFA Documents**

- FIFA Laws of the Game
- FIFA Statutes
- FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players
- FIFA Disciplinary Code

### **FA Documents**

- National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations
- National Disciplinary Regulations
- National Grievance Procedure By-Law
- National Judicial Bodies By-Law
- National Arbitration Tribunal Regulations
- National Club Identity Policy
- National Code of Conduct and Ethics
- National Member Protection Policy
- National Privacy Policy
- National Anti-Doping Policy
- National Spectator Code of Behaviour

### **Football West Documents**

- Football West Competition Rules Annexures
- Football West Match Scheduling Policy
- Football West Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations
- Football West Competition Management Regulations
- Football West Code of Conduct

All Matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game in force at the time of publication of these Rules and as laid down by the International Football Association Board, unless otherwise stated in these Rules or the relevant competition Annexure.

A club that affiliates with FA and enters a Team or Teams into Football West competitions is deemed to accept these Competition Rules.

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## Article 1 - General

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1. The Rules contained within this document apply to and are valid for all Football West Competitions with the exception of the National Premier Leagues unless otherwise specified. For clarity this includes, but is not limited to, the Men's and Women's Community Competitions, consisting of their respective State Leagues, Amateur Leagues and Senior Sunday Competitions, and the Community Junior Competitions.
2. Where a Rule in this document appears to be in conflict with a Rule in an Annexure, the Rule in the Annexure will take precedence.
3. Any capitalised terms set out in this document and any Annexures will have the meaning given to those terms in the definitions of the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations.
4. Football West may alter, add to, clarify or delete any of these Rules at its discretion. Any changes to these Rules will be communicated by notice from Football West to each Club. A change takes effect on the date specified in that notice.
5. Notwithstanding any other Rule relating to any other Competition, Football West may investigate any alleged breach of these Rules, and in doing so may rely on any information or document that it deems relevant in its absolute discretion. Whether a matter is investigated or not is entirely at the discretion of Football West.
6. A Participant who breaches any of these Rules or those Rules in the accompanying Annexures is liable to a Penalty. Football West reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion to:
  - (a) issue a warning for any breach of a Rule prior to the imposition of any Penalties;
  - (b) impose a Penalty or not; or
  - (c) reduce or vary a Penalty.
  - (d) by written notification to the relevant participant under this paragraph. Any decision to impose a Penalty may not be appealed to the Tribunal on the basis that Football West has exercised this discretion.
7. Football West may vary, revoke or rescind any decision it makes under paragraph 6 at its discretion and for any reason, including if new evidence that was not available to Football West at the time that the decision was made arises and this may only occur if evidence is communicated to Football West within 5 Business Days of the decision being made under paragraph 6.
8. Where a Penalty is not specified in these Rules, Football West reserves the right to use its discretion to determine and impose a Penalty.
9. Where a Rule is capable of more than one interpretation, Football West reserves the right (at its sole discretion) to determine which interpretation applies and accordingly, whether to impose a Penalty or not. Any such determination is final.
10. Football West reserves the right (at its sole direction) to make a ruling on any circumstance or scenario that is not governed by these Rules. Any ruling made by Football West pursuant to this paragraph 10 is final.
11. A Club may apply for and Football West will consider, an application by a Club for an exemption to these Rules where it can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances exist. Football West will determine (at its sole discretion) whether or not the circumstances warrant any exemption applied

for. Any such determination is final.

12. Football West reserves the right to request that a Club, Player, Club Associate or any other person remove any national flags, slogans or emblems which may incite conflict or bring the Match into disrepute at any time. Refusal to comply with any such request by Football West may result in disciplinary action upon a Club at the discretion of Football West.
13. Football West may, from time to time, organise Matches outside the normal league and cup seasons between the winning Team of any division and another Team from Western Australia, another Member Federation or another National Association. It is a condition of entry of Football West Competitions that if such a Match is organised, the Team chosen MUST participate in that Match. Failure to do so may incur a Penalty as set out in Appendix B.
14. Should a vacant position for an additional Team arise in any Division of any Competition for any reason prior to the commencement of a Competition Season the vacancy may be filled through a process to be determined by Football West in consultation with the relevant Standing Committee.
15. The right to enter a Team in a certain Division belongs to the Club rather than the Players of any particular Team.
16. Should a vacant position for an additional Team arise in any division of a Competition during the Competition Season, Football West may fill that vacancy through a process to be determined by Football West. This may include Football West changing the division to which a Team is allocated to another specific division determined by Football West and notified in writing to the relevant Team and Club. The Team and relevant Club must comply with the determination made by Football West under this Article. A Team that refuses to comply with Football West's determination or refuses to move division when appointed to do so will incur a Penalty as set out in Appendix B.
17. In the event that any Competition Season, including the NPL seasons, must be cancelled for any reason at any point Football West has complete discretion to declare a Team the winner of that Competition or declare that there is no winner of the relevant Competition for that Season.
18. In the event that any Competition Season, including the NPL seasons, must be modified at any point in time and for any reason, Football West may, at any point and at its complete discretion declare that the Competitions are to be conducted under a modified set of Rules or fixtures published by Football West at that time.
19. Each Club acknowledges that it is not entitled to rely upon a Match Official's interpretation of these Rules, and that these Rules are distinct from and in addition to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## **Article 2 - Matches**

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1. Matches must be played in accordance with these Rules, the accompanying Annexures and the Football West Match Scheduling Policy.
2. All Matches must be played on grass or an artificial surface that has been approved in writing by Football West.
3. Subject to paragraph 5, the venues, dates and times of Matches will be fixed and published by Football West on Football West's website as soon as practicable, prior to the commencement of each Competitive Season, and except as otherwise provided in these Rules, Matches will be played at those venues and on those dates as published.
4. Each Club is required to participate in its allocated Matches unless otherwise specified in these Rules.

Penalty for breach of this Article is as set out in Appendix B.

5. Football West reserves the right to change the date, time and venue of any Match. Football West may consult with and take into account any representations made by a Club participating in the Match in question, and with any other Club(s) which may be affected before doing so.
6. In the event that a Team is not ready to commence the Match within 15 minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, the Match may not proceed. Penalty for breach of this Article is as set out in Appendix B.
7. A Match may be played wholly or partly under floodlights if the floodlight installation has been approved by Football West as suitable for the conduct of Matches. The Match Official may determine at any point immediately prior to or during a Match whether the lighting is adequate for the relevant Match (including for Player safety) and may determine whether the Match is to proceed on this basis.
8. In the event of inclement weather, the Match Official will exercise their discretion as to whether a Match may proceed.
9. A Club must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that its home venue (including stadiums, change facilities and grounds) can facilitate the safe conduct of a scheduled Match during adverse weather conditions.
10. In the event that a Match is ended in a manner inconsistent with Competition Rules (including for example by extra time rather than proceeding directly to kicks from the Penalty mark, or vice versa) Football West reserves the right to allow the Match result to stand, as long as Football West is satisfied (at its absolute discretion) that the Match was concluded in a manner consistent with the FIFA Laws of the Game. If Football West determines that allowing the Match result to stand would result in an unfair result, the entire Match will be replayed. The decision of Football West in these circumstances is final and cannot be challenged.
11. It is the responsibility of the home Club to ensure that prior to the Match, the Match Official has sufficient time to conduct a ground inspection which may include but is not limited to inspection of the goal nets, the line markings and the state of repair of the ground more generally. The Match Official may, in that Match Official's discretion deem a ground not fit for purpose and elect to abandon the Match. In such a scenario, the Match Official must inform Football West of this occurrence to which Football West may propose remedial action, including but not limited to imposition of sanctions on the relevant Club.
12. Nets affixed to goalposts must be used in all Football West Matches. The Match Official must not allow the Match to proceed without nets.
13. The Club whose name appears first in any Match is deemed to be the home Team regardless of the venue at which the Match is played. Any reference in these Rules to a "Home Club" is to be interpreted in accordance with this Article.
14. At any venue where Football West matches are being conducted, a person may not smoke tobacco or use vaping devices within 20 metres of the Field of Play.
15. Glassware, glass bottles, or cans are not allowed on the field of play or in any area surrounding it including any designated spectator areas.
16. The only jewellery that is permitted to be worn by players is a medical alert bracelet or necklace. The bracelet or necklace must be taped or bandaged to the body, covered by a wrist band, or otherwise appropriately padded.
17. Players are permitted to wear sports goggles, sports glasses and sports sun glasses as long as, in the

Match Official's opinion, the glasses pose no danger to the player wearing the glasses or to any other player on the field of play.

## **Article 3 - Postponed, Delayed or Abandoned Matches**

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1. A Match may not be postponed, delayed, or abandoned except:
  - a) on the instruction of the Match Official; or
  - b) by order of the police or other relevant authority exercising its statutory powers to that effect; or
  - c) on the instruction of or with the prior written consent of Football West.
2. Subject to paragraph 1, if a Club requests the postponement of a Match, Football West reserves the right to require that an alternative date, time, and venue are agreed before any such request is granted.
3. A Match postponed in accordance with paragraph 1 may only be replayed at a date and time mutually agreed by both Clubs. If the Clubs involved are not able to reach an agreement as to when the Match will be played within a time period determined by Football West, Football West will determine the date, time and venue of the Match and any such decision is final. If the rescheduled Match incurs a cost, Football West may pass on that cost to either one or both participating Clubs depending on the circumstances which led to the postponement, as determined in Football West's absolute discretion.
4. If the appointed Match Official postpones, delays, or abandons a Match, the Match Official must, within 30 minutes of making such a decision, notify:
  - a) the Home Club;
  - b) the visiting Club; and
  - c) the Football West Match Official's Department.
5. If no Match Official is appointed by Football West to that relevant postponed, delayed or abandoned Match, the responsibility to give the notice required Article 4 rests with the Home Club.
6. If a postponed Match cannot be rescheduled in accordance with paragraph 3 or cannot be completed for any other reason, Football West reserves the right to declare the Match a 0-0 draw or impose a forfeit on a Club that Football West deems responsible for the postponement.
7. A Club or Club Associate found by Football West (at its absolute discretion) to have caused the abandonment of any Match, will be sanctioned in accordance with the Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations. The Team of the relevant Club or to which the Club Associate is associated will be deemed to have forfeited that Match if that Club or Club Associate is found by Football West (at its absolute discretion) to have caused the abandonment of any Match.
8. If a Match is abandoned for any reason prior to half time, then the Match will be replayed in accordance with paragraph 13, unless, in the opinion of the Match Official, one or both of the participating Teams have caused or contributed to the abandonment of the Match or unless otherwise specified in these Rules or accompanying Annexures.
9. If a Match is abandoned at half time or after the commencement of the second half, then the score at the time of the abandonment of the Match will be deemed to be the Match result, unless, in the opinion of the Match Official, one of the participating Teams or a Club Associate from one of the participating Teams caused or contributed to the abandonment of the Match. If the Match Official does not express an opinion on the party responsible for the abandonment, Football West may make a decision as to which party or parties are responsible for the abandonment.

10. Paragraphs 8 and 9 do not apply to the MiniRoos League. Abandoned Matches in the aforementioned league will not be replayed under any circumstances. Where results are recorded by Football West, the result will stand as it was at the time of the abandonment.
11. If a Match is abandoned, and that Match is one where an outcome must be determined (for example a knock out cup Match) and at the time of the abandonment scores are level, then that Match will be replayed in full, unless in the opinion of the Match Official, one or both of the participating Teams or a Club Associate from one or both of the participating Teams caused or contributed to the abandonment of the Match. If the Match Official does not express an opinion on the party responsible for the abandonment, Football West may make a decision as to which party or parties are responsible for the abandonment and may impose a penalty on one or both Clubs, or Players or impose some other remedial action for the offending party.
12. An abandoned Match that is to be replayed may be arranged at a mutually convenient time and venue by the participating Clubs. Football West must be notified in writing of the date, time and venue of the rescheduled Match within ten (10) Business Days of the original fixture.
13. If an abandoned Match cannot be rescheduled through mutual agreement within a reasonable time determined by Football West, Football West will determine the new date, time, and venue of the Match and any such decision will be final. If the rescheduled Match incurs a cost, Football West may pass on that cost to either one or both participating Clubs depending on the circumstances that led to the abandonment.
14. If an abandoned Match cannot be rescheduled in accordance with paragraph 13 Football West reserves the right to declare the Match a 0-0 draw. If the abandoned Match is one where an outcome must be determined, Football West reserves the right to determine the outcome of that Match using any method it chooses.
15. A Match Official must abandon a Match where a Teams is reduced to fewer than seven (7) Players. In such a circumstance, Football West may determine the Match forfeited for the Team with the reduced number of Players or may require some other form of remedial action as it sees fit.

## **Article 4 - Forfeited Matches**

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1. A Team that forfeits (or is deemed to have forfeited) a Match may be sanctioned with a Penalty specified in Appendix B at the discretion of Football West.
2. The result of a forfeited Match will be awarded to the opposition Team by a margin of 3-0, unless that score disadvantages the non-offending Team, for example in circumstances where the non-offending Team has a margin of goals greater than three (3).
3. If a Team which forfeits three (3) consecutive League Matches or any four (4) Matches in a Competitive Season, Football West may at its absolute discretion deem that relevant Team to have withdrawn from the Competition. Such a withdrawal this does not automatically cause the withdrawal of the other Teams within that Club from any other Competition or division, such as in the Amateurs, but Football West may impose such conditions on the continuing participation of that relevant Club as it sees fit to preserve the integrity of the Competitions.
4. In circumstances where Football West determines that both participating Teams in a Match commit a breach of any Rule which carry the sanction of a forfeit, Football West reserves the right to declare the Match played, and award each Team zero (0) points and zero (0) goals, or if that Match occurs in a knockout competition, disqualify both Teams from that Competition.



5. In circumstances where a Team is retrospectively penalised with forfeiting a Match or forfeits during the Match, all Match data resulting from the Match will be retained for the purposes of that Player's relevant statistics in that Competitive Season. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - a) goals scored;
  - b) fairest and best votes;
  - c) substitutions;
  - d) yellow cards; and
  - e) red cards.
6. Notwithstanding paragraph 5, Match data directly related to the conduct of a Player will not be retained if Football West determines (at its absolute discretion) that the relevant Player caused or contributed to the relevant Team forfeiting the Match by engaging in conduct that is against the spirit of the FIFA Laws of the Game. For example, if a Player who is under suspension scores a goal in a Match, and that Player is responsible for conduct which leads to that Team forfeiting the Match, that goal will not be counted towards that Player's Season goal tally.

## **Article 5 – Teams Removed or Withdrawn from Competitions**

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1. In the event of any Team withdrawing or being removed from a Competition by Football West (Ex-Team), the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered Competition to proceed to a conclusion;
  - a) Removal or withdrawal before Competition has started and Ex-Team is not replaced in accordance with Article 1 paragraph 16:

All Teams remaining in the Competition will be credited with a bye result.
  - b) Removal or withdrawal before the first half of the round robin Matches have been completed:

All goals scored and points earned by opponents in Matches against the Ex-Team will be deleted from their records and all Teams remaining in the Competition will be credited with a bye result.
  - c) Removal or withdrawal after all of the first half of the round robin Matches have been completed:

All goals scored and points earned by opponents in Matches against the Ex-Team in the first half of the round robin Matches will be retained by those Teams but all goals scored and points earned by opponents in Matches against the Ex-Team in the second half of the round robin Matches (if any) will be deleted from their records and all Teams remaining in the Competition will be credited with a bye result.

## **Article 6 - Playing Strip**

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1. Each Player's playing shirt must display on its back a unique number which is clearly distinguishable from a reasonable distance. The number must be a whole number between 1 and 99. The number 1 may only be worn by a goalkeeper. Penalty per breach is as set out in Appendix B.
2. A Club's identity may not comprise of any part of a Player's attire, or a uniform worn by a Club Official which incorporates national flags, slogans or emblems which, in the opinion of Football West, breach the Inclusivity Principles (as published by Football Australia) or offend the spirit of the Inclusivity

Principles or bring the FA or Football West into disrepute.

3. The home Team will wear its designated home strip unless an exemption is granted by Football West in writing or if otherwise provided for in these Rules.
4. Advertising on a strip is permitted except for:
  - a) advertisements which contravene state or federal laws (such as tobacco advertising);
  - b) advertisements which contravene Football West Rules, Regulations and By-Laws; or
  - c) advertisements which relate or refer to products, brands or companies which are, in Football West's sole opinion, in direct conflict with any of Football West's sponsors or damage the reputation of the league or Football West. (For example, gambling and betting companies)
5. In respect of any strip worn by Players under the age of 18, no advertising relating to alcoholic beverages may appear on the match day attire of those Players. Football West reserves the right to require that any such sponsorship advertising is removed from a playing strip if it deems the advertisement breaches this Rule.
6. All club attire displaying club logo or badge must comply with the above regulations, including match day and training attire, on and off field.

## **Article 7 - Match Officials**

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1. Players and any person occupying the Technical Area (as defined in the FIFA Laws of the Game) must identify themselves to the Match Officials upon request during, immediately before and immediately after a Match. Penalty per breach is as set out in Appendix B.
2. Players and Team Officials must comply with any lawful instruction given to them by a Match Official officiating at a Football West Match. Penalty per breach is as set out in Appendix B.
3. Neither Players nor Team Officials may approach a Match Official before, during or after a Match has ended unless invited to do so by the relevant Match Official. Penalty per breach is as set out in Appendix B.
4. The decisions of the Match Officials regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the Match, are final, even if the decision(s) of the Match Official represents a technical error in the FIFA Laws of the Game. For clarity, no protests as to the result of a Match will be considered in relation to disciplinary decisions of the referee or decisions of facts relating to play.

### **Football West appointed Match Official**

5. Subject to each specific Competition rules as set out in each relevant Annexure pertaining to that Competition, Clubs are responsible for the payment of Match Official fees in accordance with these Rules. A Club must not refuse to pay an officially appointed Match Official regardless of whether payment is due on the day or by invoice from Football West, except in the circumstances where Football West has agreed to pay the Match Official Fees.
6. Match Officials must not officiate a Match in cases where the Match Official has an existing or potential conflict of interest in respect of that Match or the Teams or Players involved in it. Any such conflict must be immediately disclosed to Football West prior to commencement of a Match. If there is any doubt as to whether or not any such conflict exists, the Match Official must declare it. Each

Club acknowledges and agrees that actual or perceived conflicts of interest arise if Match Officials have, or appear to have, private or personal interests that detract from their ability to perform their duties as Match Officials with integrity in an independent and purposeful manner. Private or personal interests include gaining any possible advantage for himself or herself, his or her family, relatives, friends or acquaintances.

7. If a Club believes that a Match Official has an actual or perceived conflict of interest it may report the matter to Football West and if the Club chooses to report it, the Club must provide detailed reasons for the alleged conflict of interest. Any reports of alleged conflict which do not contain the detailed reasons for the allegation will be dismissed immediately.
8. In the event that a conflict of interest, either actual or perceived, comes to the attention of Football West, Football West may make a determination (at its absolute discretion) on whether that conflict of interest exists. If Football West determines a conflict of interest exists or has existed, Football West may make any direction or determination that it sees fit in the circumstances, including that it may order the replay of the Match or determine that a forfeit is to be imposed (but is not limited to these outcomes). Football West may determine the action or direction to be taken or made at its own and final discretion.

### Non-Football West appointed Match Official

9. A Match Official arranged by the Home Club in accordance with these Rules in the absence of a Football West officially appointed Match Official will (by reason of Football West's delegation of authority to relevant regional football associations), assume the same powers and responsibilities as an official Match Official for the duration of the Match.
10. With the exception of the Masters and Over 45s Competitions, a Match Official arranged by the Home Club in accordance with these Rules in the absence of an officially appointed Match Official, must be at least as old as the youngest eligible Player for that Competition. For example, in Senior Men's competitions, a Match Official must be at least 16 years old in the year of Competition. For Masters and Over 45s competitions, the Match Official must be at least 18 years old in the year of Competition.
11. Any Match Official who was not officially appointed to a Match by Football West but is appointed under paragraph 10, is not entitled to payment but may request payment from the Club(s) that are normally responsible for the payment of Match Officials prior to kick-off. Those relevant Clubs may decide at their discretion as to whether to make such requested payment.

### Three (3) Strike Policy

12. The Three (3) Strike Policy, defined in Schedule 3 in the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations, applies to all Clubs and Teams in all Competitions.
13. Disciplinary action taken against a Club or Team as a consequence of a Strike will be in addition to and separate from any Disciplinary action taken against the individual/s who commit the actual Offence. For the avoidance of doubt, the Offences which are subject to the Three (3) Strike Policy are identified in Schedule 1 – Table of Offences in the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations.

Example: A Player representing your Club commits Offence 22 in the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations (Uses discriminatory language or gestures including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language or gestures towards a Match Official) and is issued a Suspension of AMS plus 7 Matches

as per the penalty set out in Schedule 1 – Table of Offences.

As a consequence of the Players actions the Club may be issued with a Strike and may be subject to additional financial and disciplinary sanctions in accordance with paragraph 16.

14. Subject to the Three (3) Strike Policy, any of the following people may issue a Strike against a Club:
  - a) The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Football West;
  - b) The Chief Operating officer (COO) of Football West;
  - c) The General Manager – Football of Football West;
  - d) The Disputes & Governance Officer of Football West or
  - e) A Football West employee authorised in writing by either the CEO of Football West, the COO of Football West or the General Manager – Football of Football West.
15. Strikes issued to a Club for a breach of the Three (3) Strike Policy are at the discretion of Football West.
16. Penalties applied to Clubs for a breach of the Three (3) Strike Policy are at the discretion of Football West and will be applied in accordance with Article 21.5 of the FA Constitution.
17. Any strike issued to a Club will remain valid and on the Club's record for 12 months from the date of the Strike being issued.
18. Public notification of the Strike will be published on the Football West website.

## **Article 8 – Ground Marshals**

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1. Home Clubs 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, Football West and emergency services if required; and
  - c) to supervise the conduct of ball persons if provided.
2. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that the Ground Marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities during a Match.
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West
6. Ground Marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
7. If no Ground Marshals are present or the number of Ground Marshals is not met in relation to the relevant Competition, 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 these rules.
8. In the case a Match proceeds without the required number of Ground Marshals, penalties set out in

Appendix B will apply at the discretion of Football West.

## Article 9 - Match Documentation

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1. All Competitions except for Under 5s, Under 6s and Under 7s will use Electronic Match Cards through the Competition Management Software, website or associated mobile applications.
2. Rules governing Electronic Match Cards are set out in the relevant Annexure for each Competition.

## Article 10 - Broadcasting and Livestreaming

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1. Football West may designate Matches to be livestreamed by Football West or by a third-party with approval from Football West. Football West may impose such conditions as it sees fit on the livestreaming of any Match.
2. The livestreaming of any Match must be approved by Football West at least five (5) Business Days before the Match takes place.
3. A Football West watermark must be displayed in the top-right corner of the broadcast, formatted as specified by Football West.
4. All footage supplied to Football West post-streaming must not include the Football West watermark or any other graphical overlays.
5. Advertising visible during the Broadcast must:
  - a) not promote unhealthy dietary choices;
  - b) comply with state or federal laws (such as tobacco advertising);
  - c) comply with Football West Rules, Regulations and By-Laws; or
  - d) not relate or refer to products, brands or companies (such as gambling and betting companies) which are, in Football West's sole opinion, in conflict with Football West sponsors or damage the reputation of the league or Football West.
6. Commentary used in any livestream must not breach the Football West or FA Code of Conduct.

## Article 11 - Players

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1. A Player must be registered with FA in accordance with the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations to be considered eligible to participate in any competitive Match approved by Football West.
2. A Player may register if the Player was born on or **before 31 December 2019**.
3. A registered Player may not participate in any Match approved by Football West if the Player is suspended or otherwise deemed ineligible by Football West, another Australian Member Federation, FA, AFC or FIFA.
4. It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that a Player participating in a Match is eligible to do so.
5. The first time a Player is registered the Club must sight a proof of age document satisfactory to Football West and must be satisfied that the Player is registering for the correct age group and with the correct date of birth. Football West reserves the right to request a certified copy of a document

as proof of age in connection with any player. Penalty per breach is as set out in Appendix B.

6. The authorised representative of each Club participating in the Match is responsible for satisfying himself that the opposition Players are properly registered with Football West.
7. A Player who has previously been validly registered on Play Football in the current Season for a Club may only register for another Club in the current season **before 5pm WST on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June** in that Competition year, in accordance with and subject to compliance with the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations.
8. The movement of Players between Clubs as described in paragraph 7, does not apply to MiniRoos, 12's, Junior League and Junior Girls League Competitions, however, these Competitions may be subject to the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations.
9. Professional Players (as that term is defined in the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations) may only participate in any league deemed by Football West to be a professional competition.

## **Article 12 - Ineligible Players**

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1. An ineligible Player is a Player who:
  - a) is not registered in accordance with the National Registration Status and Transfer Regulations; or
  - b) plays for a Club with which the Player is not registered; or
  - c) plays without an ITC (International Transfer Certificate) where one is required; or
  - d) plays within a Stand-Down Period (as that term is defined in the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations) due to a change of that Player's status; or
  - e) is registered as an Amateur when deemed as a Professional; or
  - f) plays while registered for two Clubs at the same time without seeking an exemption to do so (note that the Player is eligible to play for the Club with which he was registered first in these circumstances); or
  - g) plays while under suspension; or
  - h) does not have proof of registration in the form of a Player ID Card; or
  - i) plays for a Club, Team or in a competition when not permitted to do so under Competition Rules (for example if the Player is "cup tied"); or
  - j) plays in a Match when not listed on a Team list; or
  - k) plays in a Match in which his or her name has been added to the Team list after the Match has commenced; or
  - l) plays for a Team which causes the maximum number of Players allowed to be listed on a Team list to be exceeded; or
  - m) plays using a name that is not his or her own; or
  - n) plays while not eligible to do so for any other reason.
2. If a Player plays in a Match while ineligible, the Club will be liable for a sanction as described in Appendix A of this document. In certain circumstances, as determined by the Football West (at its absolute discretion), a Player may also be sanctioned.

## **Article 13 - 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 MiniRoos.

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 practicable if they are appointed during the season. Penalty per breach is as set out in Appendix B.
4. Each Team must produce proof of registration for any or each of its Players on request from the opposition Club prior to kick-off. 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 being sent electronically to the opposition Club.
5. If a Club is unable to produce proof of registration for any Player prior to kick-off after being requested to do so by the opposition Club, the Match may proceed. However, the proof of registration requested 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 subsequently report that failure to Football West. 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.
7. Proof of registration MAY NOT be requested after the Match has concluded.
8. If a Club has complied with all necessary requirements and wishes to subsequently lodge a protest based on Player eligibility, it must do so in accordance with the conditions specified in Article 14 of the Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations.

## **Article 14 - Representative Teams**

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1. Players must be released by each relevant Club for training, preparation and participation for representative Matches when directed in writing to do so by Football West.
2. Football West may call upon the services of a Player for possible selection into a State Representative Team at any time. A Player who misses a State Representative Team session without a valid medical certificate (or other extenuating circumstances determined by Football West) will be suspended from his/her Club Team's next game. Football West reserves the right to determine the validity of any extenuating circumstances and any such decision is final.

## Appendix A - Ineligibility Penalties

The following table describes the sanctions associated with fielding an ineligible participant during a Football West Match. Football West reserves the right to use its discretion to determine and impose any Penalty.

Type of Ineligibility	Sanction
Plays or is listed on a Team sheet while not registered in accordance with the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations.	Forfeit (club) and a fine of:
	State League \$500
	Amateur & Women's League Div One \$300
	Metropolitan, Women's Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues \$200
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues \$100
Plays or is listed on a Team sheet without an ITC (International Transfer Certificate) where one is required.	Forfeit (club) and a fine of:
	State League \$500
	Amateur & Women's League Div One \$300
	Metropolitan, Women's Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues \$200
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues \$100
	Suspension of 1 Match (Player) – Players in senior Teams only
Plays or is listed on a Team sheet within a stand-down period due to a change of status.	Forfeit (club) and a fine of:
	State League \$500
	Amateur & Women's League Div One \$300
	Metropolitan, Women's Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues \$200



	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues	\$100
	Suspension of 1 Match (Player) – Players in senior Teams only.	

Plays or is listed on a Team sheet or coaches while under suspension.	Forfeit (club) and a fine of:	
	State League	\$500
	Amateur & Women’s League Div One	\$300
	Metropolitan, Women’s Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues	\$200
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues	\$100
Enters the field of play, its surrounds of the field of play, the technical area, the Players’ race or any other area within a venue where Club Associates are likely to assemble to prepare for a Match within 15 minutes of the beginning of a Match and 15 minutes after the Match has finished while under suspension.	Deduction of 1 championship point if occurs during League Match. Removal of Team from a Cup Completion if it occurs during any Cup Match and a fine of:	
	State League	\$300
	Amateur & Women’s League Div One	\$200
	Metropolitan, Women’s Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues	\$100
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues	\$50
Does not have proof of registration (but is otherwise validly registered and eligible to play), or presents proof of registration which does not include a photograph.	Forfeit and a fine of:	
	State League	\$500
	Amateur & Women’s League Div One	\$300
	Metropolitan, Women’s Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues	\$200
	Junior Leagues	\$100
	Fine increases by the same amount for each subsequent offence by the same Team in the same season.	
Plays or is listed on a Team sheet for a Team or in a Match when not	Forfeit and a fine of:	

permitted to do so under Competition Rules but would otherwise be eligible to play for the club in a different Match (for example if they are not permitted to play in a cup game for a certain Team but could play a League game for that Team).	
	State League \$500
	Amateur & Women's League Div One \$300
	Metropolitan, Women's Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues \$200
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues \$100
Plays in a Match when not listed on a Team list but would otherwise be eligible to play.	A fine of:
	State League \$500
	Amateur & Women's League Div One \$300
	Metropolitan, Women's Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues \$200
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues \$100
Plays or is listed on a Team sheet in a Match in which his name has been added to the Team list after the Match has commenced but would otherwise be eligible to play.	A fine of:
	State League \$500
	Amateur & Women's League Div One \$300
	Metropolitan, Women's Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues \$200
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues \$100
Plays for a Team which causes the maximum number of Players allowed to be listed on a Team list is exceeded.	Forfeit and a fine of:
	State League \$500
	Amateur & Women's League Div One \$300
	Metropolitan, Women's Leagues, Masters & Over 45s/55s Leagues \$200
	Junior and MiniRoos Leagues \$100
Plays using an assumed identity.	As per the Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations
Plays while not eligible to do so for any other reason.	At the discretion of Football West

## Appendix B – Penalty Schedule

Rule	Penalty
Article 1 – paragraph 13	\$1,000 payable by the offending Club
Article 1 – paragraph 16	15 Competition points removed from the offending Team in its current division
Article 2 – paragraph 4	Forfeiture of that Match
Article 2 – paragraph 6	Forfeiture of that Match
Article 4 – paragraph 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Men’s State League, Men’s Amateur League, Women’s League Div One               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Written notice to Football West of at least one Business Day: \$200</li> <li>(b) With no notice or notice on a non-Business Day: \$400</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Australia Cup               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Written notice to Football West of at least one Business Day: \$150</li> <li>(b) With no notice or notice on a non-Business Day: \$300</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Women’s Leagues and Masters (Men’s and Women’s) Leagues               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Written notice to Football West of at least one Business Day: \$100</li> <li>(b) With no notice or notice on a non-Business Day: \$200</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Junior Boys, Junior Girls &amp; MiniRoos Leagues               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Written notice to Football West of at least one Business Day: \$50</li> <li>(b) With no notice or notice on a non-Business Day: \$100</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Cup competitions               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) In accordance with the lowest level of Team in the Competition and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	length of notice.
<b>Article 5 – paragraph 1</b>	\$50 per breach.
<b>Article 6 – paragraph 1</b>	\$100 per breach
<b>Article 7 – paragraph 1</b>	\$100 per breach
<b>Article 7 – paragraph 2</b>	\$100 per breach
<b>Article 7 – paragraph 3</b>	\$100 per breach
<b>Article 8 – paragraph 8 (Ground Marshals)</b>	National Premier Leagues \$200
	Men’s State League \$100
	Men’s Amateur League \$100
	Men’s Metropolitan, All Women’s Leagues, Masters Leagues \$50
	Junior Competitions \$50
<b>Article 11 – paragraph 5</b>	\$500 per breach
<b>Article 13 – paragraph 3</b>	\$100 per breach

