Annexure 10 State Reserves Cup

Article 1 - General

- 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 Under 23s Teams from those Clubs in the NPLWA-M and the Reserve Teams from those State League Clubs who participate in the State Reserves 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 Under 23s Teams of the NPLWA-M Clubs and the reserves Teams of the State League Clubs must enter into and compete in the State Reserves 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 a penalty shoot-out 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 State Reserves 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 State Reserves Cup 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.
 - c) If both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for each Team.

Article 3 - Players

1. A Player may not play for a Team in the State Reserves Cup if, in the same season, if that Player has previously played for a different Club in the Hahn Australia Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a Player must have played in a minimum of 50% of that player's matches for the Reserves Team in question prior to that semi-final or final. For the avoidance of doubt, this means Under 23s Teams for those NPLWA Clubs.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

3. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 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 to the commencement of the Match. Football West's decision on any such application is final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

4. An unused substitute is deemed not to have played in that Match.

Article 4 - Match Officials

- 1. Where two Teams from different Divisions are competing in the State Reserves Cup, a Match Official allocated to a Match will be paid the fee to which he is entitled by the higher-ranking Team.
- 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 commencement of 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.