

Annexure 5

***Women's League  
Competitions 2025***

## **Part 1 – Common Rules**

### **Article 1 - General**

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1. Women's League Competitions will consist of the:
  - a) Women's League Division One;
  - b) Women's League Central Divisions (2 and below);
  - c) Woman's League North and South Divisions;
  - d) Women's Masters Competitions
  - e) Associated Women's Cup Competitions.
2. The rules in this Annexure apply only to the Women's Competition. To the extent these rules conflict with any of the other rules published by Football West, FA and FIFA, these rules will take precedence.
3. Only female players may take part in Women's League Competitions.
4. Where a rule in this Part 1 appears to conflict with a rule in any other Part of this document dealing with a specific competition then that Part dealing with the specific competition takes precedence.
5. References to a Competition in this document will refer to the Women's Competition and do not include the Men's Competition. For example, a reference to the Masters League in this document refers to the Women's Masters League.

### **Article 2 – Competition Points**

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1. For every Match played, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Points are not transferable between Divisions of a Competition.
2. If two or more Teams finish the season on equal points at the end of a Competition Season, Football West will apply the following criteria to determine the higher-ranking Team:
  - a) the Team with the superior goal difference;
  - b) the Team with the higher number of goals scored;
  - c) the number of points gained in Matches between the Teams concerned;
  - d) the superior goal difference in Matches between the Teams concerned;
  - e) the Team with the lower number of Red Cards;
  - f) the Team with the lower number of Yellow Cards; or
  - g) the drawing of lots.
3. In the any finals Matches, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

### **Article 3 – Individual Awards**

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1. A Fairest and Best prize will be awarded to the best Player in the Women's League Division 1 and Woman's Central Divisions (2 and below).
2. The Match Official for each Match will award votes. Three votes will be awarded to the best Player, two votes to the next best Player and one vote awarded to the third best Player.
3. The Player who receives the most votes over the course of the Competitive Season will win the Fairest and Best award for that Player's Division.
4. If two (2) or more Players tie for the highest number of votes, then a prize will be awarded to each of those Players.

5. If a Player or Coach receives a suspension as a result of being shown a Red Card, or as a result of a sanction imposed by the Disciplinary & Grievance Tribunal or Football West during the Regular Season, they will be ineligible to win the Fairest and Best Award for that Competitive Season. For the avoidance of doubt, if that Player receives a Red Card which is subsequently rescinded as a result of mistaken identity or as an obvious error, the Player will be eligible to win the Fairest and Best Award.
6. Subject to paragraph 5, an award will be presented to the best goalkeeper of the year in Division 1 based on votes cast by the Referees at each Match. If two or more goalkeepers have an equal number of votes, an award will be presented to each of those Players.
7. Subject to paragraph 5, an award will be presented to the best Coach of the year in Division 1 who gains the highest amount of Competition points across all competitions throughout the season's competitions. If two or more Coaches have an equal number of points, an award will be presented to each of those Coaches.
8. In all Divisions an award will be presented to the Player who scores the most goals in their Division in Women's League Matches throughout the Competitive Season. If two or more Players score an equal number of goals, an award will be presented to each player of those Players.

## Article 4 - Venues

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1. A Club may request to change its home ground venue but may do so only by written application to Football West. Football West reserves the right to refuse any application if the facilities do not meet the criteria as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
2. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of venue if the proposed new venue is within 5 kilometres of another Women's League Competition Club competing in the same Competition.
3. Football West reserves the right to require that its, FA's and NPL's sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at the venue at which any Football West Matches are played. A Club and each Team must comply with any lawful direction given by Football West in connection with this paragraph.
4. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Women's League Competition Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues. A Club and each Team must comply with any lawful direction given by Football West in connection with this paragraph.
5. The home venue of a Women's League Competition Club must meet the criteria set out in the below table for the specified level of Competition for a venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations:

Competition	Level of Venue
<b>Women's League Divisions 1</b>	B
<b>Women's League Central Divisions (2 and below)</b>	C
<b>Women's League North and South Divisions</b>	D
<b>Women's Masters League</b>	D

## Article 5 - Matches

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1. With the exception of abandoned Matches, each period of a Match must last for a minimum of 30 minutes in order for a result to be recorded.
2. Subject to paragraph 3, the duration of the half time interval will be 15 minutes.
3. The Match Official may adjust the duration of a Match to ensure that a following Match on the same field of play commences at its scheduled kick-off time.
4. When a Match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 3, each Match Official is entitled to receive the full amount of their normal Match fee.
5. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the Match Official may use their discretion to allow players to take more frequent drink breaks. During any such break, all players must remain on the field of play.
6. The home Club must provide one stretcher which is to be placed between the Technical Areas in a safe and accessible position. The stretcher must be in position before the commencement of the first Match of the day until the conclusion of the final Match of the day unless being utilised.

**Penalty for Breach      \$30**

7. Each Team must have a first aid kit available at the venue on the date of the Match.
8. The result of each Match must be entered into the Competition Management System by the home Club within 2 hours of the completion of the Match, with the exception of Women's League Division 1 whereby the referee will enter the result of each match.

**Penalty for Breach      \$30**

9. Each Club is responsible and accountable for the behaviour of its spectators and their adherence to the Football West Spectator Code of Behaviour, whether playing at home, playing away or at a neutral venue. It is the responsibility of the ground marshals to inform spectators of any breach of the Football West Spectator Code of Behaviour and request immediate compliance. A ground marshal may request any spectator not complying with that code to leave the venue.
10. Football West may, from time to time, nominate any Match during a Competition Season as being under the direct control of Football West will determine in its discretion the conditions, the venue, and any other such circumstances under which the Match is to be played.
11. Substitutes in the Women's League Competitions except for the Women's League Division 1 and the Women's State Cup are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game which forbids further participation in a Match from a substituted Player. All substitutes in the Women's League Competitions except for the Women's League Division 1 and the Women's State Cup are able to be substituted on and off the field of play at the will of that Player's Team.
12. No more than seven (7) named substitutes may be listed on the Team list of a Women's League Division 1 Team.
13. No more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team list of any other Women's League Competition of which a maximum of five may be used in any one Match.

## Article 6 - Ground Marshals

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1. The home Club must appoint a ground marshal who is at least 18 years of age for each Match whose duties are:
  - a) to supervise the conduct of ball persons if provided;
  - b) to liaise with Club Officials, Football West and emergency services if required; and

- c) to provide an escort for the Match Official to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period.
- 2. The home Club must provide at least two (2) ground marshals for each match.  
**Penalty for Breach \$50**
- 3. Neither the coach nor manager of a Team competing in a Match may act as ground marshal for that Match.
- 4. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that the ground marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities during a Match.
- 5. 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 working in a canteen may not be a ground marshal).
- 6. All ground marshals must wear the ground marshal vests which have been supplied by Football West for the duration of the Match. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West.
- 7. Ground marshals must be visible at all times.
- 8. Ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
- 9. All ground marshals must identify themselves to the appointed Match Official at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.
- 10. If no ground marshals are present or the number of ground marshals are not met in relation to paragraph 2, the Match Official has sole discretion not to commence the match. Home clubs will have 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 the Community Competition Rules.

## Article 7 - Match Documentation

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- 1. All Women's League Competitions will use Electronic Match Cards to record the details of each Match.
- 2. An Electronic Match Card must be completed accurately no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match. The following penalties apply to a breach of this requirement:
  - a) If no Electronic Match Card is submitted:  
**Penalty for Breach: Forfeiture of the Match and a \$200 Fine**
  - b) If any of the following are not completed accurately:
    - i. all Player names;
    - ii. all Players assigned a correct shirt number;
    - iii. all Team Officials listed; and
    - iv. starting Players assigned.**Penalty for Breach: \$100 Fine**
- 3. If there are technical difficulties with the Electronic Match Card system a Team must email Football West Club Support ([clubsupport@footballwest.com.au](mailto:clubsupport@footballwest.com.au)) with the details of the participants in the Match prior to the Match's scheduled kick off time and Football West may at its discretion accept this as a valid Electronic Match Card. The Team must also advise the Match Official and present proof to the Match Official that a Match Card has been emailed to Football West.

4. Nothing in Paragraph 2 prevents Football West from issuing sanctions in relation to players that are ineligible or for any other breach of the Competition rules.
5. All Team officials who wish to sit in the Technical Area during any Match must be registered on PlayFootball as a coach or related role.  
**Penalty for Breach      \$50 Fine**
6. The appointed Match Official must complete a Match report according to the directions given by the Match Officials Technical Committee. Such reports are to be lodged with Football West within 2 Business Days of the completion of the Match.
7. At the conclusion of each Match, the Match Official will record best and fairest votes. This information is not to be disclosed to anybody and must be lodged with Football West within 2 Business Days of the completion of the Match.
8. The Team List received by Football West will be accepted as the facts relating to the Match.
9. A Club may contact Football West if it believes that the details on the Match documentation have misidentified a goal scorer or substitute.
10. Goal scorer(s) for a particular fixture cannot be contested following the commencement of a subsequent round.
11. Any protest in relation to goal scorers or substitutes should be submitted in writing to Football West and accompanied by evidence of video footage which must include the following details:
  - a) fixture details;
  - b) time of goal scored/substitution;
  - c) name and shirt number of misidentified goal scorer/substitute;
  - d) name and shirt number of alleged goal scorer/substitute; and
  - e) must be submitted by the Club

## Article 8 - Players

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1. Only female Players are eligible to compete in the Women's League Competitions.  
**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**
2. Once a Player has:
  - a) taken the field five (5) times for a Team in the Women's League Division 1 or been named on the Electronic Match Card of a Team in the Women's League Competitions they will be considered to be a Player of that League; and
  - b) five (5) appearances in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) will be considered a player of the highest League Competition for which that Player has five (5) appearances.
3. A Player who was recorded on the Player Roster in a A-League W Team may not be listed on the Team List of a Women's League Competition within 12 months of the completion of their most recent A-League W season.
4. A player listed on a club's First Team NPLWA-W Roster may not participate in the Women's League Division 1 and all Women's Leagues competitions below in the same season without submitting a request in writing to Football West for an exemption and Football West has given approval.  
**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

5. Once a Player has been listed on a Team sheet of the NPLWA-W Competition they may not appear on the Team List of any Team in the Women's League Competitions for the remainder of the Competition Season.

**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit**

6. Once a player has been listed on a Team sheet of the NPLWA-W Under 21s on any occasion, that player must not appear on the Team list of any Team in the Women's League Division 1, Division 2 or below for the remainder of the Competition Season without submitting a request for an exemption in writing to and approved by Football West.

**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit**

7. If a Club fields two (2) sides or more sides in the Women's Competition only two (2) Players may appear in the Club's next highest ranked Team on the same weekend, so long as the teams are not in the same Division. There is no requirement that the same two Players are used each week. For clarity, a Weekend means the period from 5:00 pm on the last Business Day of a week until 9:00 am on the first Business Day of the next week.

**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit**

8. Once a Player has played in the Women's League Division 1 on 6 (six) occasions, they may not participate in Women's Central League in the same season without submitting an exemption request in writing to and receiving approval from Football West.

**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit**

9. Clubs competing in the JDL Girls 18s League that do not have a team in the NPLWA-W will not be subject to player movement restrictions between the JDL Under 18s league team and their highest ranked team in the Women's League provided players meet the age eligibility requirements outlined in Article 22. A player can play in both the Women's League highest ranked team and the Junior Girls 18s league on the same weekend.

10. Once a Player has played in the Women's League Division 1 on any occasion, they may not participate in Women's North and South Divisions or Women's Masters League in the same season without submitting an exemption request in writing to and receiving approval from Football West.

**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit**

11. Once a Player has been listed on a team sheet in the Women's Central League on 6 (six) occasions, they may not participate in Women's North and South divisions in the same season without submitting an exemption request in writing to and receiving approval from Football West.

**Penalty for Breach: Forfeit**

12. To be eligible to play in a Women's League Competition a Player must meet the birth year requirements set out in the following table:

Competition	Birth Year
Women's League Divisions	2009 or earlier
Women's League North and South Divisions	2009 or earlier
Women's Masters League	1990 or earlier*

\* See Part 4 Masters League rules for further information

13. A Player who was born in 2010 or later may apply to Football West to be assessed as being competent to play in the Women's League Competitions but is ineligible to play until confirmation of such competency has been provided to the Club in writing.

## **Article 9 - Playing Strips**

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1. All Clubs must nominate a home and alternative playing strip.
2. In any Match, if the shirts or socks of the participating Teams are alike or similar or are in the opinion of the Match Official likely to cause confusion, then players of the away Team will be required to change its shirts or socks or both. In the event of any dispute with regard to the strip to be worn by either Team, the Match Official's decision is final.
3. If the shirts or socks of the participating Teams are alike or similar or are in the opinion of the Match Official likely to cause confusion, and the away Team is unable to change that part of its attire which is causing that confusion, then the Match Official may elect for the Match not to proceed. For the avoidance of doubt, bibs may not be worn.
4. A Match that has been postponed in accordance with paragraph 3 may be rescheduled in accordance with Article 3 of the Community Competition Rules. and the away Team will bear any costs associated with rescheduling that Match.
5. If the relevant Teams involved are not able to reach an agreement as to when the Match will be replayed within a time period determined by Football West, Football West may impose a sanction the away Team by way of a forfeit of that prior Match.

## **Article 10 - Match Balls**

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1. The home Club will provide the Match Official with three (3) Match balls no later than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match
2. All Women's League Division 1 Matches must use Football West's designated ball three (3) Match balls will be provided free of charge to each team.

## **Article 11 - Match Officials**

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1. Each Club is responsible for 50% of Match Official fees. Football West will determine the fees payable and publish the rates prior to the commencement of each season.
2. Match Official fees are payable in cash to the Match Official(s) on the day.
3. The allocation of Match Officials will be determined by Football West. No Club may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular Match Official.
4. In the event that a Match Official is not allocated to the Match by Football West, or that none of the Match Officials allocated to a Match are ready and able to commence the Match within 5 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the home Club will allocate a Match Official.
5. In the absence of one or both assistant Match Officials, each Team will provide a Club assistant Match Official to assist the Match Official. If either Club does not comply, then the Match may not proceed.
6. If the appointed Match Official postpones or delays any Match, the Match Official must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of that Match outlining the reasons for his actions. The appointed Match Official is entitled to 50% of the prescribed Match fee for a postponed Match and 100% of the Match fee for a delayed Match which is subsequently



completed or abandoned.

7. When a Match is forfeited by a Club, the Match Official is entitled to receive 100% of the prescribed Match fee to be paid by the Club who forfeited the Match, unless the forfeiting Club informed Football West in writing at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
8. When a Match is abandoned, the Match Officials are entitled to receive the full amount of their normal Match fees.

## **Article 12 - Representative Teams**

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1. Football West may nominate Players from any Club of it's choosing to participate in representative Matches during a Competition Season.
2. If a Club has 3 or more Players from one Team participating in a representative Match, it may seek the postponement of any Club Match which clashes with the representative Match.
3. To be considered as a qualifying Player under paragraph 2 and subject to the conditions of paragraph 4 the Player must have been recorded on that Team's Electronic Match Cards for a minimum of 80% of all Matches up to and including the date of the request to postpone.
4. If the Player is required to participate in a representative Match prior to round six of the Competition Season, Football West will determine the Team of a Player from the Team sheets available. Football West's decision in determining the Team of a Player is final.

## **Part 2 – Women's League Division 1**

### **Article 13 - General**

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1. A Club may not enter more than one Team into the Women's League Division 1 Competition.
2. A Club participating in the Women's League Division 1 Competition is obligated to field a second team in the Women's Competition. This secondary team can be entered in either:
  - a) Women's League Division 2, or below; or
  - b) Junior Girls League U18 or U16 divisions.
3. The Women's League Division 1 will consist of eight (8) teams.
4. Entry into the Women's Night Series is compulsory for all Women's League Division 1 Clubs.
5. Entry into the Women's State Cup is compulsory for all Women's League Division 1 Clubs.
6. Each Team will need to provide a Player Roster, with a minimum of eighteen (18) players listed.

### **Article 14 – Players**

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1. Once a Player has taken to the field for a Team of the NPLWA-W First Team/Under 21s on any occasion, those Players may not participate in any Matches for any other Team in the Women's League Division 1 and below for the remainder of the Competition season.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to lowest ranked Team**

2. Once a Player has taken to the field of play in the Women's League Division 1 on six (6) occasions, they may not appear on the Team List of any other Women's League Central Competition for the remainder of the Competition Season without submitting a request for an exemption in writing to

and approved by Football West.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to lowest ranked Team**

3. Once a Player has taken to the field of play in the Women's League Division 1 on any occasion, they may not appear on the Team List of any Women's North or South Competition for the remainder of the Competition Season without submitting a request for an exemption in writing to and approved by Football West.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to lowest ranked Team**

4. Once a Junior Girls Player has taken to the field in nine (9) Matches of the Women's League Division 1. Following the ninth Match for the Women's League Division 1, the Player must choose whether to play in either the Women's League Division 1 or the Junior Girls Team(s) for which they are eligible. This rule is not applicable to a club's Under 18s team subject to Article 8 Paragraph 9.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to Junior Team**

## **Article 15 – Promotion to National Premier Leagues WA-W**

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1. Should the Club whose Team finish in first place in the Women's League Division 1 and be eligible for promotion to the NPLWA-W, the NPLWA-W Club whose First Team finishes in last position will be relegated to the Women's League Division 1. The first placed Women's League Division 1 Team will be promoted to the NPLWA-W.
2. Should the Club whose Team finish in first place in the Women's League Division 1 not be eligible for promotion the second placed Club, will compete in a Play-Off against the First Team of the last placed NPLWA-W Club as described in Article 16.
3. If neither Club in the top two positions in the Women's League Division 1 meets the Promotion Eligibility Criteria, then no promotion will take place from the Women's League Division 1 to the NPLWA-W and no relegation will take place from the NPLWA-W to the Women's League Division 1.

## **Article 16 - Promotion and Relegation Play-Off**

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1. Subject to Article 15 paragraph 2 and this Article 16, a Club whose Team competes in the Women's League Division 1 and finishes in second position and meets the NPL Eligibility Criteria, may be promoted to the NPLWA-W if that Team wins the Play-Off.
2. The Club that wins the Play-Off will earn the right to compete in the NPLWA-W in the next Competitive Season. And the Club that loses the Play-Off will compete in Women's League Division 1.
3. The Play-Off will be played under the following conditions:
  - a) The Play-Off will be contested over a single Match.
  - b) The venue of the Play-Off will be determined by Football West at its absolute discretion.
  - c) A Player Roster must be provided to Football West at least three (3) Business Days prior to the scheduled Play-Off.
4. The winner of the Play-Off will be:

- a) The Club that scores the most goals
- b) If a winner cannot be determined in accordance with paragraph (a), then two periods of extra time of fifteen (15) minutes per period will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- c) If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraph (b) after extra time, the winner of the Play-Off Final will be decided by a penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## **Article 17 – Prize Money**

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- 1. The Club whose Team finishes in first position in the Women's League Division 1 at the end of the Competition Season will receive \$4,000 in prize money.
- 2. The Club whose Team finishes in second position of Women's League Division 1 at the end of the Competition Season will receive \$1,000 in prize money.

## **Article 18 – Fair Play Award**

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- 1. Football West will present a Fair Play Award to the Clubs whose Women's League Division 1 Teams in each Division receive the fewest number of Penalty points during the Regular Season. Penalty points are accrued according to the following scale:
 

a) Each single Yellow Card issued	1 point
b) Each indirect Red Card issued (two Yellow Cards to a single Player)	3 points
c) Each direct Red Card issued	5 points
d) Each Club official expelled from the technical area	5 points
e) Five or more Players cautioned or sent off in a single Match	5 points
f) Three or more Players sent off in a single Match	10 points
- 2. The Fair Play Award winning Club will receive prize money of \$1,000. In the event that two or more Clubs receive the fewest Penalty points, the prize money will be shared between those two Clubs.

## **Part 3 – Women's League Central Divisions (2 and below)**

### **Article 19 - Competition Format**

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- 1. The rules in this Part 3 apply to the Women's League Central Divisions (2 and below), but do not apply to Women's League North and South Divisions.
- 2. Each Division under the Women's League Division 2 and below will consist of eight (8) Teams.
- 3. If a Club fields more than one Team in a single division, then the Club must submit a Player Roster for each Team at the start of the season. A maximum of two (2) Players may play in the other Team within that Division on any given week. For clarity this does not need to be the same two (2) Players each week.
- 4. Each Team will play twenty one (21) rounds. The first section of seven (7) rounds will be known as the grading period, where teams will be fixtured against any teams in the Women's League Central Divisions. At the completion of these rounds, each Team will play a home and away match, with seven (7) other Teams in their Division.
- 5. At the conclusion of the grading period, Football West will allocate teams to their appropriate

Divisions for the remainder of the season. If there are an uneven number of teams, Football West reserve the right post the grading to make any decisions it sees fit to allocate teams into their relevant divisions or alter the division size.

6. Football West will utilise the Competition Management System and other methods of determination including but not limited to Points Per Game System for the grading. All decisions of the grading made by Football West are final and any such changes are at the discretion of Football West.

## Article 20 - Players

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1. A Player has taken the field for a Team of the NPLWA-W First Team/ Under 21s on any occasion, those Players may not participate in any Matches for any other Team in the Women's League Division 1 and below for the remainder of the Competition season.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

2. Once a Player has taken the field of play in the Women's League Division 1 on six (6) occasions, they may not appear on the Team List of any Women's League Division 2 or below Competitions Team for the remainder of the Competition Season without submitting a request for an exemption in writing to and approved by Football West.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

3. If a Club fields a Team in the Women's League Division 1 and has a Team in the Women's League Division 2 and below, Players who have appeared in the Division 1 Team may only appear in their Club's next highest ranked on the same weekend, subject to any other requirements in Article 8.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

4. Once a Player has been listed on the team list in the Women's League Division 2 and below on six (6) occasions, they may not appear on the Team List of any Women's League North or South Division Team for the remainder of the Competition Season without submitting a request for an exemption in writing to and approved by Football West.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to lowest ranked Team**

5. Once a Junior Girl's Player has taken to the field in nine (9) Matches of the Women's League Central (Division 2 and below. Following the ninth Match for the Women's League Central, the Player must choose whether to play in either the Women's League Division 2 or below Team or the Junior Girls Team(s) for which they are eligible. This rule is not applicable to a club's Under 18s team subject to Article 8 Paragraph 9.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to Junior Team**

6. If a Club fields two (2) or more sides in the Women's Competition only two (2) Players may appear in the Club's next highest ranked Team on the same weekend, so long as the teams are not in the same Division after the conclusion of grading. There is no requirement that the same two Players are used each week.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to lowest ranked Team**

## Article 21 – Promotion to Women’s League Division 1

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1. Should the Club that finishes in first position in the Women’s League Division 2 exercise its option of promotion to the Women’s League Division 1 and be eligible for promotion, the Club in last place in Women’s League Division 1 will be relegated to the Women’s League Division 2.
2. Should the Team that finishes in first position in the Women’s League Division 2 choose not to exercise its option of promotion to the Women’s League Division 1 or not be eligible for promotion, Football West may exercise its right to promote a different team from the division.

## Part 4 – Women’s League North and South Divisions

### Article 22 - Competition Format

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1. This Part 4 applies to the Women’s League North and South Divisions only.
2. A Club may request in writing to Football West a change to the Division of one (1) or more of its Teams in the Women’s North and South League. Any such change may or may not be granted at the discretion of Football West, and if granted any change will be subject to the applicable fees being paid to Football West by that Club. The decision as to whether or not a change request is granted by Football West is final.
3. Each Division under the Women’s League North and South Divisions will consist of eight (8) Teams.
4. If a Club fields more than one (1) Team in the same Division, then the Club must submit a Player Roster for each Team at the start of the season. A maximum of two (2) Players may play in the other Team within that Division on any given week. For clarity this does not need to be the same two (2) Players each week.
5. Each Team will play twenty one (21) rounds. The first section of seven (7) rounds will be known as the grading period, where teams will be fixtured against any teams in the Women’s League North and South Divisions. At the completion of these rounds, each Team will play a home and away match, with seven (7) other Teams in their Division.
6. At the conclusion of the grading period, Football West will allocate teams to their appropriate Divisions for the remainder of the season. If there are an uneven number of teams, Football West reserve the right post the grading to make any decisions it sees fit to allocate teams into their relevant divisions or alter the division size.
7. Football West will utilise the Competition Management System and other methods of determination including but not limited to Points Per Game System for the grading. All decisions of the grading made by Football West are final and any such changes are at the discretion of Football West.

### Article 23 - Players

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1. A player listed on a club’s First Team NPLWA-W Roster may not participate in the Women’s League North and South Competitions in the same season without submitting a request in writing to Football West for an exemption and Football West has given approval.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

2. Once a player has been listed on a Team sheet of an NPLWA-W First Team or Under 21s, that player must not appear on the Team list of any Team in the Women's North and South Divisions for the remainder of the Competition Season without submitting a request for an exemption in writing to and approved by Football West.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

3. Once a Player has taken the field of play in the Women's League Division 1 on any occasion they may not participate in Women's North and South Divisions or Women's Masters League in the same season without submitting an exemption request in writing to and receiving approval from Football West.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

4. Once a Player has taken the field of play in the Women's League Central (Division 2 and below) on six (6) occasions, they may not appear on the Team List of any Women's League North or South Division Team for the remainder of the Competition Season without submitting a request for an exemption in writing to and approved by Football West.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

5. Once a Junior Girls Player has taken to the field in nine (9) Matches of the Women's League North/South Divisions. Following the ninth Match for the Women's League North/South Division, the Player must choose whether to play in either the Women's League North and South Competition or the Junior Girls Team(s) for which they are eligible.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit to Junior Team**

6. If a Club fields two (2) or more sides in the Women's Competition only two (2) Players may appear in the Club's next highest ranked Team on the same weekend, so long the teams are not in the same Division. There is no requirement that the same two Players are used each week. For clarity, a Weekend means the period from 5:00 pm on the last Business Day of a week until 9:00 am on the first Business Day of the next week.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

## **Part 4 – Women's Masters League**

### **Article 24 - Competition Format**

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1. This Part 4 applies to the Women's Masters League.
2. A Club may not enter more than one Team into the same Division unless that Club enters more Teams than there are Divisions for Women's Masters League or at the discretion of Football West.
3. A Club may request in writing to Football West a change to the Division of one or more of its Teams in the Women's Masters League. Any such change may or may not be granted at the discretion of Football West, and if granted any change will be subject to the applicable fees being paid to Football West by that Club. The decision as to whether or not a change request is granted by Football West is final.

## Article 25 – Players

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1. Players taking part in the Women's Masters League must be born in 1990 or earlier. Unless exempt at the discretion of Football West.
2. A maximum of three (3) Players born between 1991 and 1995 may be listed in the Team List. Any such Players must be so denoted on the Team List with an asterisk.
3. If a Club fields more than one (1) Team in the same Division, then the Club must submit a Player Roster for each Team at the start of the season. A maximum of two (2) Players may play in the other Team within that Division on any given week. For clarity this does not need to be the same two (2) Players each week.

**Penalty for Breach:      Forfeit**

## Part 5 – Women's State Cup

### Article 26 - General

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1. This Part 5 applies to the Women's State Cup.
2. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules, NPL Competition Rules, the Common Rules set out in this Annexure and Part 2 of this Annexure are applicable to the Women's State Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
3. Where a rule within the Football West Competition Rules, NPL Competition Rules and the Common Rules in this Annexure and Part 2 of this Annexure appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this Annexure will take precedence.

### Article 27 - Competition Format

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1. Entry is compulsory for all Clubs who compete in the NPLWA-W and Women's League Division 1.
2. Clubs from all other Women's League Competitions may lodge an application to participate in the Women's State Cup and if such an application is successful, that Club's Team will be included in the draw.
3. Entry to the Women's State Cup does not preclude any eligible team entry to the Women's League Cup.
4. Clubs competing in each round of the Women's State Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs at random. Those pairs will play a Match subject to the FIFA Laws of the Game, the NPL Competition Rules and the relevant Annexures. The winner of each Match will compete in the next round and in which Matches be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the Women's State Cup Competition.
5. Substitutes in the Women's State Cup are bound by the condition in Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game which forbids further participation in the Match by a substitute.
6. A preliminary round may be played to ensure that the subsequent rounds can be played by that number of Teams which will ensure that only two Teams remain at the end of the Women's State Cup Competition. Football West may determine, by any process it deems suitable, which Teams will play in any preliminary rounds.

7. After the draw of each round, participating Clubs will be informed via the Competition Management system of the fixture date, time and venue by Football West.
8. In all Matches played during the Women's State Cup, except the Grand Final, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
9. In the Grand Final, 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. 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 a penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game

## **Article 28 – Women's State Cup Player Eligibility**

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1. A Player may not play for a Team in the Women's State Cup if, in the same Competition Season, they have previously played for a different Team in the Women's State 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 their Matches for the Team in question prior to that semi-final or final including with its associated Women's League Team.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

3. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. Absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2) business days before the fixture. Football West's decision on any application is final.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

## **Article 29 - Match Officials**

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1. For circumstances in which a Match Official is allocated to a Match involving Teams from different Divisions, the Match Official will be paid the Match Official fee to which he is entitled by the Team who plays in the higher-ranking Division.
2. Football West will pay Match Official fees for the Women's State Cup Final.

## **Article 30 - Squad Lists**

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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.

## **Part 6 – Women's League Cup**

### **Article 31 - General**

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1. The rules in the Part 6 applies to the Women's League Cup.
2. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and the relevant sections of this Annexure are applicable to the Women's League Cup unless otherwise specified in this Annexure.
3. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or the relevant sections of this Part appears to



conflict, the rule in this Part will take precedence.

## **Article 32 - Competition Format**

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1. Entry into the Women's League Cup is voluntary and open to those Teams in the Women's League Central (Division 2 and below), Women's League North and South Divisions and Women's Masters League.
2. Teams will automatically be entered into the draw and will need to notify Football West to opt-out of the cup competition, should they not wish to participate.
3. Regional Teams may lodge an application in writing to Football West to participate in the Women's League Cup and if such an application is successful, those Teams will be included in the Women's League Cup draw. An entry fee of \$55 applies for those Teams.
4. If a Club enters multiple Teams into the Women's League Cup then:
  - a) each Team's entry must be accompanied by a Player Roster for each Team;
  - b) Players may not appear on more than one Player Roster in the Women's League Cup;
  - c) Only Players on the relevant Player Roster will be eligible to play for that Team in the Women's League Cup;
5. A regional Club travelling to the metropolitan area or another region, or a metropolitan Club travelling to a region will be entitled to an allowance of \$250 for each such a trip payable upon that Team furnishing an invoice to Football West for that amount.
6. Football West reserves the right to require that a regional Club granted entry in accordance with paragraph 2 plays any or all of its Matches in the Perth metropolitan area regardless of whether or not that Club is drawn to play at home.
7. Clubs competing in each round of the Women's League Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs at random. Those pairs will play a Match subject to the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Football West Competition Rules and the relevant Annexures. The winner of each Match will compete in the next round and in which Matches be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the Women's League Cup Competition.
8. A preliminary round may be played to ensure that the subsequent rounds can be played by that number of Teams which will ensure that only two Teams remain at the end of the Women's League Cup Competition. Football West may determine, by any process it deems suitable, which Teams will play in any preliminary rounds.
9. After the draw of each round, participating Clubs will be informed of the fixture date, time and venue by Football West.
10. In all Matches played during the Women's League Cup, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the fixture will be decided by a penalty shoot- out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## **Article 33 - Players**

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1. A player may not play for a Team in the Women's League Cup if, in the same Competition Season, that Player has previously played for:
  - a) any Team in the Women's State Cup except in circumstances where Article 27, paragraph 3 applies. In such circumstances exemptions will be granted.
  - b) any Senior Team Match in the NPLWA-W or NPLWA-M; or
  - c) a different Team in the Women's League 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 their Matches for the Team in question prior to that semi-final or final including with its associated Women's League Team.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

3. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. Absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2) business days before the fixture. Football West's decision on any application is final.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

## **Article 34 - Match Officials**

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1. For circumstances in which a Match Official is allocated to a Match involving Teams from different Divisions, the Match Official will be paid that Match Official's fee to which he is entitled by the higher-ranking Team.
2. Football West will pay Match Official fees for the Women's League Cup Final.

## **Article 35 - Squad Lists**

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1. Football West reserves the right to request a squad list for each competing Team in a fixture. If requested, such a list must be provided in writing four (4) Business Days prior to the fixture.

## **Part 7 – Women's Masters Cup**

### **Article 36 - General**

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1. The rules in the Part 7 applies to the Women's Masters Cup.
2. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and the relevant sections of this Annexure are applicable to the Women's Masters Cup unless otherwise specified in this Annexure.
3. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or the relevant sections of this Part appears to conflict, the rule in this Part will take precedence.

### **Article 37 - Competition Format**

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1. This cup competition will only be conducted if there are eight (8) or more teams entered in the Women's Masters League.
2. Teams will automatically be entered into the draw and will need to notify Football West to opt-out of the cup competition, should they not wish to participate.
3. If a Club enters multiple Teams into the Women's Masters Cup then:
  - a) each Team's entry must be accompanied by a Player Roster for each Team;
  - b) Players may not appear on more than one Player Roster in the Women's Masters Cup;

- c) Only Players on the relevant Player Roster will be eligible to play for that Team in the Women's Masters Cup;
- 4. Regional Teams may lodge an application in writing to Football West to participate in the Women's Masters Cup and if such an application is successful, those Teams will be included in the Women's Masters Cup draw. An entry fee of \$55 applies for those Teams.
- 5. A regional Club travelling to the metropolitan area or another region, or a metropolitan Club travelling to a region will be entitled to an allowance of \$250 for each such a trip payable upon that Team furnishing an invoice to Football West for that amount.
- 6. Football West reserves the right to require that a regional Club granted entry in accordance with paragraph 4 plays any or all of its Matches in the Perth metropolitan area regardless of whether or not that Club is drawn to play at home.
- 7. Clubs competing in each round of the Women's Masters Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs at random. Those pairs will play a Match subject to the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Football West Competition Rules and the relevant Annexures. The winner of each Match will compete in the next round and in which Matches be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the Women's Masters Cup Competition.
- 8. A preliminary round may be played to ensure that the subsequent rounds can be played by that number of Teams which will ensure that only two Teams remain at the end of the Women's Masters Cup Competition. Football West may determine, by any process it deems suitable, which Teams will play in any preliminary rounds.
- 9. After the draw of each round, participating Clubs will be informed of the fixture date, time and venue by Football West.
- 10. In all Matches played during the Women's Masters Cup, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the fixture will be decided by a penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Article 38 - Players

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- 1. A player may not play for a Team in the Women's Masters Cup if, in the same Competition Season, that Player has previously played for:
  - a) any Team in the Women's State Cup
  - b) any Senior Team Match in the NPLWA-W or NPLWA-M; or
  - c) any Team in the Women's League Cup except in circumstances where Article 22, paragraph 1 applies. In such circumstances exemptions will be granted.

**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 their Matches for the Team in question prior to that semi-final or final including with its associated Women's Masters Team.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**
- 3. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. Absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2)

business days before the fixture. Football West's decision on any application is final.

**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**

## **Article 39 - Match Officials**

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1. Football West will pay Match Official fees for the Women's Masters Cup Final.

## **Article 40 - Squad Lists**

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1. Football West reserves the right to request a squad list for each competing Team in a fixture. If requested, such a list must be provided in writing four (4) Business Days prior to the fixture.