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Competitions

2015 Rules



1. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 1.1. All matches under the jurisdiction of the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. This includes the Regular Season and any Final Series matches.
- 1.2. The competition rules outlined below are in addition to those stipulated in the FIFA Laws of the Game. (www.fifa.com)
- 1.3. Clubs, Players and Officials must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of Football Federation Australia and Football Queensland, including;
 - (a) National Registration Regulations;
 - (b) National Disciplinary Regulations;
 - (c) FFA Code of Conduct;
 - (d) Grievance Resolution Regulations;
 - (e) Member Protection Policy;
 - (f) PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Regulations.

2. PlayStation4 NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUES SEASON

- 2.1. The 2015 PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues will comprise of teams licensed or operating under a Memorandum of Understanding and approved by Football Queensland.
- 2.2. Football Queensland shall conduct a program in gender specific age groups as specified at the beginning of each playing season.
- 2.3. Clubs must have competing teams in each age group unless exemption is obtained from Football Queensland.
- 2.4. The PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Season will consist of a Regular Season with no finals for the following Competitions:
 - Under 12 to Under 16 Boys
 - Under 18 Boys and Youth Men's
 - Under 13 and Under 15 Girls
 - Youth Women

The PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Season will consist of a Regular Season and a Finals Series featuring the top six (6) Open Women's teams and top four (4) Senior Men's teams from the Regular Season, unless advised by Football Queensland.

Competition Format – Regular Season

- 2.5. Teams will play in competition matches as scheduled by Football Queensland.
- 2.6. The following points will be awarded for competition matches during the Regular Season.
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| Win | = | 3 points |
| Draw | = | 1 point |
| Loss | = | 0 points |
| Forfeit Received | = | 3 points |
| Forfeit Given | = | 0 points |
- 2.7. The team which accumulates the most points at the end of the Regular Season will be the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Premiers.
- 2.8. The Premiers of the Senior Men's Competition will be eligible to participate in the nation-wide PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Finals Series.

Procedures to Determine Placings after Regular Season

- 2.9. At the completion of the Regular Season teams are ranked on the basis of accumulated points. The position of each team will be determined based on the following criteria;
- 2.10. Highest number of points accumulated during the Regular Season;
- 2.11. If two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated, the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked.
- (a) Highest goal difference;
 - (b) Highest number of goals scored;
 - (c) Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned;
 - (d) Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned;
 - (e) Lowest number of red cards accumulated;
 - (f) Lowest number of yellow cards accumulated;
 - (g) Toss of a coin.

Competition Format – Finals Series

- 2.12. The top four (4) Senior Men's teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will participate in the Finals Series if scheduled.
- 2.13. The Finals Series format will be as follows
- Week 1: Semi-Final 1 – 1st v 4th,
 - Week 1: Semi-Final 2 – 2nd v 3rd,
 - Week 2: Grand Final - Winner of 1st v 2nd Semi-Final
- 2.14. The top six (6) Open Women's teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will participate in the Finals Series if scheduled.

- 2.15. The Finals Series format will be as follows:

Week 1: Quarter Final 1 – 1st v 2nd

Week 1: Quarter Final 2 – 3rd v 6th

Week 1: Quarter Final 3 – 4th v 5th

Week 2: Semi Final – Winner QF2 v Winner QF3

Week 3: Preliminary Final – Loser QF 1 v Winner Semi Final

Week 4: Grand Final – Winner of QF 1 v Winner Preliminary Final

- 2.16. The team who finished in the higher position at the conclusion of the Regular Season will be considered to be the home team for any Finals match.
- 2.17. The selection of venues for all Finals Series matches, including Grand Finals, will be at the absolute discretion of Football Queensland and a decision to allocate will be made based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to venue availability, commercial, marketing and financial considerations.
- 2.18. Teams winning the Grand Final will be PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Champions.

Procedures to Determine the Winner of Finals Series Matches

- 2.19. If, at the conclusion of any single match in the Finals Series, the scores between the two (2) teams are tied, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes will be played. The conditions of FIFA Law 8 will apply.
- 2.20. If scores remain equal at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, penalty kicks will be taken, in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, to determine the winner of the match.

3. APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION TO SCHEDULED FIXTURES

- 3.1. Any application for alteration to scheduled fixtures shall be submitted, using the appropriate form, to Football Queensland at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled fixture.
- 3.2. Each request for alteration to scheduled fixtures will be determined on its merits.
- 3.3. Any competition team with three or more players unavailable due to representative outdoor football duties at Football Queensland / Football Federation Australia approved tournaments including state-wide school representative tournaments, may be entitled to have their fixture rescheduled upon application. Applications must apply with rule 3.1.
- 3.4. Should Football Queensland accept the application to reschedule the match, the Home team must nominate, in writing to Football Queensland, an alternate date within one week of being notified of this approval.
- 3.5. Football Queensland's decision in regards to the rescheduling of fixtures will be final.

4. FORFEITED FIXTURES

- 4.1. Should a Club forfeit a fixture prior to kick-off, the opposing team shall be awarded the full points and be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0).
- 4.2. Should a Club forfeit a fixture after a match has commenced, the opposing team shall be awarded the full points and be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0), or the actual goal difference, whichever is the greater.
- 4.3. A Club who forfeits a fixture may also be subject to sanctions by Football Queensland and may be required to pay compensation to their opponents, including payment of Referee fees.

5. WITHDRAWAL FROM FIXTURES

- 5.1. If any team in the competition withdraws during the fixture season, then the recorded results for that team will be deleted and a bye in the competition will be substituted.
- 5.2. The club involved may also be subject to disciplinary action by Football Queensland which will incur a fine.

6. DELAYED, SUSPENDED, ABANDONED, POSTPONED AND CANCELLED FIXTURES

- 6.1. The following alternatives apply to matches in relation to severe adverse weather conditions or major injury issues;
 - (a) *Delay* – the commencement to a fixture may be delayed but not for a time period exceeding two (2) hours or to a kick-off time later than 9pm local if playing on a Saturday night. The decision to delay a fixture must consider, but not be limited to, the impact on travel arrangements, particularly for afternoon/evening fixtures;
 - (b) *Suspend* – a fixture may be suspended but not for an unreasonable length of time;
 - (c) *Abandoned* – a fixture may be abandoned post commencement with the result to be determined in accordance with clauses 6.9 and 6.10;
 - (d) *Postponed* – a fixture may be postponed and rescheduled in accordance with clauses 6.12 and 6.13;
 - (e) *Cancelled* – a fixture may be cancelled in accordance with clause 6.14.

Pre-match Monitoring

- 6.2. The home club delegate will be responsible for obtaining and monitoring the weather leading up to and on match day. Weather forecasts can be obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology at www.bom.gov.au
- 6.3. Should severe adverse weather be active or forecast, the home club must notify Football Queensland who will then contact all relevant parties.

Decision to Delay or Postpone a Match

- 6.4. The decision to delay or postpone a match prior to the scheduled kick-off time as a result of severe adverse weather conditions will ultimately be made at the match venue by the Match Commissioner or Football Queensland delegate, after an assessment has been made by the Match Referee or nominated official of the potential risk of playing to Players and Match Officials.
- 6.5. Should the match be considered unplayable due to severe adverse weather conditions at the scheduled time, the Match Commissioner or delegate must advise Football Queensland of the decision to delay or postpone the match immediately.

Decision to Commence a Delayed Match

- 6.6. A delayed match may be commenced in accordance with the provisions of clause 6.1(a). This decision will be made at the match venue by the Match Commissioner or Football Queensland delegate after consultation with Football Queensland, the Match Referee and the key match day stakeholders.

Decision to Suspend or Abandon a Match

- 6.7. Once a match has commenced, the Match Referee has sole responsibility to determine if the match should be suspended or abandoned due to severe adverse weather conditions. The Match Referee has the discretion to confer with the key match day stakeholders prior to the decision being taken.

Decisions to Re-Start a Suspended Match

- 6.8. A suspended match may be restarted in accordance with the provisions of clause 6.1(b). This decision will be made at the match venue by the Match Referee after consultation with Football Queensland, the Match Commissioner and the key match day stakeholders.

Determining the Score of an Abandoned Match

- 6.9. In the event of a match being abandoned at half-time or during the second (2nd) half of the match due to adverse weather or any cause over which neither club or Match Referee has control, the match result at the time of abandonment will be declared the final result.

- 6.10. In the event of a match being abandoned before half-time due to weather conditions or any cause over which neither the Club or Match Referee has control, the match will be declared a postponed match and rescheduled in accordance with clauses 6.12 and 6.13.
- 6.11. Any Club who is found to be responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the abandonment of a fixture will be subject to disciplinary sanctions (i.e. loss of points and fines), to be determined by Football Queensland. In the case of loss of points, the opposing team will be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0), or the actual goal difference, whichever is greater.

Rescheduling a Postponed Match

- 6.12. For matches needing to be rescheduled, once requested, the Home Club has seven (7) days to respond with advice of their preferred option for rescheduling. If no response is received within that time frame, the match may be declared and awarded to the opposition club as a win with a 3 – 0 score line.
- 6.13. Should the Home Club's preferred option be less than seven (7) days from the date of the advice to Football Queensland, the Home Club must supply a second option outside the seven (7) day time frame. The opposition club has a right of refusal to a reschedule within the seven (7) days time frame.
- 6.14. If the rescheduled match is also postponed, it may be declared a cancelled fixture and dealt with as per clause 6.15 below.

Decision to Cancel a Match

- 6.15. The decision to cancel a match will be made by Football Queensland in consultation with the affected Clubs. A cancelled match will be recorded as a goalless draw (0-0).

Decision to Delay, Postpone, or Abandon a Match – Finals Series

- 6.16. Football Queensland will be responsible for the decision to delay, postpone or abandon any Finals Series matches. The decision will be made in consultation with the respective Clubs and other key stakeholders.