



FFSA COMPETITION OPERATING REGULATIONS
Specific to Women's National Premier League,
Women's State League Competitions and
Women's Elite Cup Competitions

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Application

These Competition Operating Regulations specify the requirements and regulations specific to the Women's National Premier League, Women's State League and Cup Competition. These regulations are to be implemented in conjunction with the FFA Statutes and Regulations and FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

In the event of inconsistency between these regulations and any other FFA or FFSA regulations, the interpretation will prevail in the following order;

- i. FFA Statutes
- ii. National Registration Regulations
- iii. National Disciplinary Regulations
- iv. FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations
- v. These Regulations

Scope

These regulations:

- i. apply to participating teams, players and officials participating in the Women's National Premier League, Women's State League and Women's Elite Cup Competitions;
- ii. apply to all Women's National Premier League, Women's State League and Women's Elite Cup Competition Games;

Women's National Premier League

Minimum Competition Requirements

In 2016 FFSA Venues will be utilised to conduct all Women's National Premier League meeting the requirements outlined below.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Perimeter Field Fencing	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines must be installed by the conclusion of the license period. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be complaint prior to further use.
Access to Field of Play	A secure access to the field of play must be provided to players and match officials when moving between field of play and changing rooms	It is recommended that a player's race is in place ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the changing room and the field of play. This area must be secured and inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 10 people.	
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Team Dressing Rooms	<p>There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Trainers Table. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whiteboard and pens Power Points <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Dressing Room	<p>Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing. Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power Points <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>
Floodlighting	<p>To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5. Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.</p>
Medical Room and Equipment	<p>A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.</p>	<p>All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.</p>

* FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.		
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have an admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by FFSA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	No requirement	It is preferred that a media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is provided at each venue.
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Seating Capacity	No requirement	It is preferred that there is seating provided for 200 people and that the seating is covered.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue is available at all venues.	Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

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TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Teams	Each club is to field the following senior women's teams; a. Reserves b. Seniors	Non Compliance If a club is unable to field Senior or Reserve Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the National Premier League Competition.
Junior Teams	Each club is required to field the following junior girls teams; a. At least one team in each age group of Under 13, 15 and 17 b. At least two girls or mixed MiniRoos teams in the following age groups – Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or Under 11	Non-Compliance a. If a club fails to nominate any of the required junior teams, the club will not be permitted into the Women's National Premier League Competition. Consideration may be given to permit the club to participate in the State League if the competition criteria is fulfilled. b. If a club withdraws one or more of the required junior teams once the club has completed the nomination form or once the season has commenced, three competition points will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each junior team that is withdrawn. The relevant competition withdrawal fine will also be applied. c. If a club fails to nominate the required MiniRoos Teams, one competition point will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each MiniRoos Team that is required to meet the criteria. – d. If a club withdraws one or more of the required MiniRoos teams once the season has commenced, one competition point will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each MiniRoos team that is withdrawn. The relevant withdrawal fine will also be applied. FFSA has the sole and absolute discretion to impose these sanctions and will take into consideration any exceptional circumstances
Player Points System	Each club will be required to implement the Player Points System when selecting their senior grade team.	FFSA will provide the Player Points System to each club.

TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement		Comment
Technical Director	Each club is required to appoint a Technical Director to oversee the football development of junior teams. The person appointed to this position is required to be accredited to a minimum of an Asian C Licence by the end of the license period.		It is recommended that the Technical Director is accredited to an Asian B Licence. The Technical Director is required to work with the FFSA Technical Director as required.
Senior Coaching Accreditation	First Team Coach Minimum of Asian C Licence Reserve Team Coach Minimum of Senior Licence All Assistant Coaches Minimum of Senior Licence		All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.
Junior Coaching Accreditation	Under 13 – 17 Coach Game Training Certificate MiniRoos Skill Training Certificate.		It is recommended that coaches hold the following accreditation by the end of the license period; Under 13-17 Coach Minimum of Youth C Licence All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.
Annual Coaching Conference	The Technical Director and Head Coach of each club are required to attend FFSA annual Coaching Conference.		
Community Club Academy	No Requirement		Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club. FFSA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.

CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Club Liaison Officers	<p>Each club is required to implement people to the following positions to assist with communication between the FFSA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Registrar - MyFootballClub • Senior Competition Liaison Officer • Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer • Club Development Officer 	<p>All appointed officers must be registered in the MyFootball Club database and must undertake the required child safe environment guidelines.</p> <p>Job descriptions for each role will be provided by FFSA and is available on the FFSA website.</p>
Youth Training Plan	Each club is required to develop and implement a Youth Training Plan that outlines the vision and goals of the training program for all underage teams from Under 13 to 17. This plan must be consistent with the National Curriculum Program	<p>Each club is to submit the Youth Training Plan by 1 February of each year.</p> <p>FFSA Technical Director will assist clubs in the planning and development of the plan.</p>
Annual Report	Clubs are to submit an Annual Report to FFSA summarising the activities undertaken by the club for the year. The report is to include a financial report that at minimum meets the club's incorporation requirements.	1 February each year
Business Plan	Each club is required is to develop and implement a Business Plan and a longer term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.	On application of the new licence period and then 1 February each year as updated.
Date of AGM	Each club is to notify FFSA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Team Medical Personnel	Minimum Level 1 Sports Trainer is required	All appointed people must be registered in the MyFootball Club database and upload accreditation/qualifications on to the system.
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	U13s – 17s Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer MiniRoos Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer	All appointed people must be registered in the MyFootball Club database and upload accreditation/qualifications on to the system.
Medical Room	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
Medical Equipment	Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel.	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.
Medical Reporting	Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical form should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team. If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First aid person is to complete a injury report form.	All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access. Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and FFSA if required.
Professional Development	Appointed medical personnel are required to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by FFSA.	Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	No requirement	Football Federation SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football Federation SA.
Logo - Football Federation SA	The logo of the FFSA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the FFSA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the right sleeve and is to be 60mm x 60mm in size.	
Logo – Football Federation SA Sponsor	The logo of the Football Federation SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade home and away playing strips.	
Logo – National Premier League	The National Premier League Logo is to be placed on right breast of the Senior Team home and away playing uniform as directed by FFA and FFSA.	

Non-Compliance

FFSA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 30-31 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence | A level 2 fine |
| B. Second Offence | A level 2 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of three competition points |

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF GAMES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Game Day Presentation	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by the FFSA.	It is recommended that each club implements the following; a. Produce a match day program. b. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.
Family Friendly Area	No Requirement	Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play areas are strongly encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
Club Development	<p>Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to have completed Level 2 of National Club Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) during the licence period.</p> <p>Each club is required to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program</p> <p>Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by FFSA.</p>	<p>FFSA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.</p> <p>Non-Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. First Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine. ii. Second Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine. plus loss of one competition point. iii. Third or subsequent offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points.
Community Development and Engagement	<p>Each club is required to develop partnerships with their local schools and at minimum conduct the following activities with each school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Program and conduct at least 2 coaching clinics with local schools. b. Provide local school teams with the opportunity to participate in half-time entertainment. c. Provide a link for school players to progress into club based football. 	

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF GAMES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Respect Program	Each club is required to implement the Respect Program. This includes displaying of all resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided by Football Federation SA.	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under the Respect Program
Child Safe Environment	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18 undertake the Security Clearance Procedure. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Guidelines can be obtained from FFSA. All clubs are required to abide by the FFA Member Protection Policy.

Women's State League

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult with their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Perimeter Fence	No Requirement	It is recommended that a permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA, fully encloses the field of play and that it is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced.
Player's Race	No requirement	It is recommended that the venue has an enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play. The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
Technical Area	Coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 10 people.	

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Dressing Rooms	<p>There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. vii. Shower facilities with a minimum of one shower head providing hot and cold water. viii. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Massage table • Whiteboard • Power points <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Dressing Room	<p>Separate changing room to accommodate match officials. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. Sufficient space to accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. vii. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. viii. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Power points <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>
Floodlighting	Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented by the conclusion of the license period. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	Any club seeking to conduct night fixtures must meet the lighting standards. Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.

A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Access and exit to the venue	Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Scoreboard	No Requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a scoreboard, identifying home and away teams. Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

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TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Teams	Each club is to field the following senior teams; 1. State League Senior Team 2. One additional Senior Team in the community leagues	Non Compliance If a club is unable to field Senior and Reserve Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the State League Competition.
Junior Teams	No Requirement.	Each club is encouraged to field junior girls and MiniRoos girls/mixed teams in the following age groups; Junior Teams – Under 13, 15, 17 MiniRoos Teams – Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Technical Director	No Requirement.	It is recommended that if the club fields junior teams that a Technical Director is appointed by the end of the license period. Technical Director should be accredited to a minimum of an Asian C Licence.
Senior Coaching Accreditation	The coaches must have the following coaching accreditation to be appointed; Senior Women's Coaches Minimum of Senior Licence All Assistant Coaches Minimum of Senior Licence	It is recommended that the head senior coach hold the following accreditation by the end of the license period; Senior Women's Coach Minimum of Asian C Licence
Junior Coaching Accreditation	If clubs field Junior Girls Teams, coaches must have the following coaching accreditation to be appointed; Under 13 – 17 Coach Game Training Certificate MiniRoos Skill Training Certificate	
Annual Coaching Conference	It is a requirement that the Head Coach of each club attends the FFSA annual Coaching Conference	
Community Club Academy	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club. FFSA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.

CLUB REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Club Incorporation	Each club is required to be incorporated.	
Club Liaison Officers	<p>Each club is required to implement a person to undertake the following positions to assist with communication between the FFSA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Registrar - MyFootball Club • Senior Competition Liaison Officer • Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer (if the club fields junior teams) • Club Development Officer 	<p>All appointed officers must be registered in the MyFootball Club and must undertake the required child safe environment guidelines.</p> <p>Job descriptions for each role will be provided by FFSA and is available on the FFSA website.</p>
Youth Training Plan	No Requirement	<p>If the club fields junior teams, the club is encouraged to develop and implement a Youth Training Plan that outlines the vision and goals of the training program for all underage teams from Under 13 to 17. This plan must be consistent with the National Curriculum Program.</p> <p>Each club is to submit the Youth Training Plan by 1 February of each year. FFSA Technical Director will assist clubs in the planning and development of the plan.</p>
Annual Report	No Requirement	Each club is required to complete reporting mechanisms in line with the incorporation requirements.
Business Plan	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to develop and implement a Business Plan and a longer term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.
Date of AGM	Each club is to notify FFSA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Team Medical Personnel	Minimum Senior First Aid Officer.	Clubs are encouraged to appoint a Level 1 Sports Trainer. All appointed people must be registered in the MyFootball Club database and upload accreditation/qualifications on to the system.
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	Clubs that field junior teams must ensure that there is a person in attendance that has a minimum of a Senior First Aid certificate.	All appointed people must be registered in the MyFootball Club database and upload accreditation/qualifications on to the system.
Medical Equipment	Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel. Each club must ensure that there is a stretcher at the venue and that the stretcher is put near the field of play prior to the commencement of each game.	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.
Medical Reporting	Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical forms should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team. If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First Aid person is to complete a injury report form.	All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access. Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and FFSA if required.
Professional Development	Appointed medical personnel are encouraged to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by FFSA.	Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	No Requirement	Football Federation SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football Federation SA.
Logo - Football Federation SA	The logo of the FFSA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the FFSA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the breast or right sleeve and is to be 60mm x 60mm in size.	
Logo – Football Federation SA Sponsor	The logo of the Football Federation SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade home and away playing strips.	

Non-Compliance

FFSA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 30-31 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence | A level 2 fine |
| B. Second Offence | A level 2 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of three competition points |

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF GAMES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Game Day Presentation	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by the FFSA.	It is encouraged that each club implements the following; c. Produce a match day program. d. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.
Family Friendly Area	No Requirement	Clubs are encouraged to promote a family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play areas are encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
Club Development	<p>Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) Level 1</p> <p>Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by FFSA.</p>	<p>Each club is encouraged to complete NCAS Level 2 and register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program.</p> <p>FFSA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.</p> <p>Non-Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. First Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine. ii. Second Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point. iii. Third or subsequent offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points.
Respect Program	Each club is required to implement the Respect Program. This includes displaying of all resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided by Football Federation SA.	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under the Respect Program
Child Safe Environment	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18 undertake the Security Clearance Procedure. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Guidelines can be obtained from FFSA. All clubs are required to abide by the FFA Member Protection Policy.

Competition Operations

1. Admission Charges and Season Passes

- a. The following admission charges shall apply to all matches of the Women's National Premier League and State League. Football Federation SA shall review admission charges on an annual basis.

Women's National Premier League

\$5.00 Adults

\$2.00 Concession

Under 16 Free

Women's State League

No Charge

Note: Provisions for family tickets available all prices include GST

- b. Football Federation SA shall issue on a yearly basis to designated persons a Season Pass to cover admission into specified matches throughout the season. Passes will be provided to each registered player and an allocated number to each club. These passes shall allow individual entry into matches unless otherwise specified.

The passes will not be valid for any final series conducted or grand finals unless otherwise determined by Football Federation SA. The Competition Administrator will provide information relating to the issuing of Season Passes.

Season passes are not transferrable and are provided at the sole discretion of Football Federation SA.

2. Kick Off Times, Duration of Matches and Venues

- a. Competition Fixtures for the Women's National Premier League will be scheduled to be played on Friday nights at FFSA Venues or as scheduled by Football Federation SA.
- b. Competition Fixtures for the Women's State League may be scheduled to be played on Sunday or as scheduled by Football Federation SA.
- c. Prior to the release of official fixtures, Football Federation SA will consult clubs by providing draft fixtures for comment.
- d. Once the official fixtures have been released, Football Federation SA will only permit changes to these fixtures where extenuating circumstances require. Any change is at the sole discretion of Football Federation SA.
- e. Where a mid week fixture is conducted, no game may commence prior to 6.15pm and no later than 8.15pm. These times may only vary at the sole and absolute discretion of Football Federation SA.
- f. All Senior and Reserve grade games shall be of 90 minutes duration. In all cases additional allowances for lost time as per the FIFA Laws of the game is permissible subject to time restrictions at each venue on match days. Match Officials shall adjust playing times accordingly ensuring the proceeding games kick off at the scheduled time. Unless otherwise notified by Football Federation SA.

3. Registration of Players

- a. All players must be registered to participate in the FFSA Competitions.
- b. Football Federation SA will provide to clubs on an annual basis the dates that players can be registered.
- c. The registration of an amateur player shall be permitted up to the 30th of June of each season. A request to register a player after the 30 June may be submitted to Football Federation SA for

consideration in accordance with clause 4.7 of the National Registration Regulations Any decision is at the sole discretion of Football Federation SA.

- d. For further information on registration of players refer to the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations and also the National Registration Regulations.

4. Registration of W-League Players

- a. Definitions
 - i. A W-League Player is defined as a player that received a contract in the W-League the year preceding the year of registration.
 - ii. A player is classed as a home grown player if the player was registered with the current club “the home club” prior to being selected into the W-League team.
 - iii. A player is classed as a free player if she has never been registered with a FFSA Girls and Women’s Club.
- b. Clubs’ Entitlement to Register Players
 - i. A Club is eligible to register a maximum of three (3) W-League Players.
 - ii. If a club has more than three home grown players selected in the W-League Squad, the club is entitled to register all of these players. However the club is not permitted to register any additional W-League players Clubs should therefore give careful consideration to those players they wish to register.

Example

If a Club has four home grown players that are W-League Players, that Club may register all of these players but cannot recruit any additional W-League Players.

If a Club only registers two of its four home grown players and decides to recruit another W-League player, that Club may register all three of these players but is not permitted to then register the two home grown players that they did not initially register during this season. The following season the club may still register all four of its home grown players but would not be permitted to register the player recruited in the previous year. If the club chooses to register the recruited player, then the club would only be permitted to register two home grown

5. Eligibility of Players

- a. To be eligible to play in the open-age divisions, the minimum age of a player shall be fourteen years of age.
- b. A WNPL Club may move a maximum of three players between the Senior Grade and Reserve Grade on any given round of games on the proviso that the three players named were named as substitutes in the Senior Grade Game. Where the Reserve Grade game is played prior to the Senior Grade game, the movement of players is unlimited.
- c. Where the Reserve Grade game is played prior to the Senior Grade game in the WSL, the movement of players is unlimited.
- d. Where the Senior Grade game is played prior to the Reserve Grade game in the WSL, the club may move a maximum of three players between the Senior Grade and Reserve Grade on any given round of games on the proviso that the three players named were named as substitutes in the Senior Grade Game. It must be noted that the Senior Competition is classified as a separate competition to that of the junior competition and consequently this rule will not apply to the movement of junior players.
- e. Goalkeepers are exempt from this ruling.

6. Substitution and Interchange of Players

- a. In the Women’s National Premier League and Women’s State League Senior grades substitutions shall be used.

- b. A team is permitted to name five substitutes on the team sheet, only four of the five named, can be used in the game.
- c. Interchange will be used in Reserves divisions. A maximum of 16 players can be named on the team sheet and all players named can be used.
- d. The match official must acknowledge all substitutes and interchanges.
- e. Where substitution rules apply the player is deemed to have played if they have entered the field of play as a substitute. Where interchange applies if the player is named on the team sheet it will be deemed that they have participated in the game.

Penalty: Level 1 fine.

7. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Minor Infringements - Yellow Cards

A player must serve a mandatory match suspension for the accumulation of yellow cards in line with clause 76 of the Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations. Where a league is conducted that consists of 21 or more games, if a player has not accumulated five yellow cards by Round 18, a suspension will only be applied once a player has accumulated 8 yellow cards.

Example: Round 17 a player has 4 yellow cards and in Round 18 receives a fifth yellow card, the player will receive a one match suspension.

Round 18 a player has 4 yellow cards and in Round 19 receives a fifth yellow card, the player will not receive a one match suspension. A suspension will only occur once the player has accumulated 8 yellow cards.

Please note that the above rule only applies prior to the player receiving 5 yellow cards. If player has already accumulated 5 yellow cards, there are no further extensions.

Where there is a bye within the competition, the ruling applies once a club has played 18 matches, rather than at Round 18. This is to ensure that all clubs have played the same number of games.

Any mandatory match suspension gained due to the accumulation of yellow cards in the league competition must be served in the next competitive league match.

8. Player Points System and Player Remuneration

- a. All clubs involved in the Women's National Premier League are required to abide by the Player Points System as outlined in Appendix 1.
- b. Any remuneration paid to a player must be in accordance with the National Registration Regulations for Amateur and Professional Players;
 - i. An Amateur Player is a player that is not paid to play football. The player may be reimbursed expenses for playing football.
 - ii. A Professional Player is a player paid to play football. A Professional Player Contract, NR005, must be completed by the club and the player in accordance with the National Registration Regulations and no other agreement between the two parties is to exist.
 - iii. A club that participates in the Women's National Premier League and Women's State League may reimburse an amateur player up to a maximum of \$100.00 per week. A player that is paid more than this amount must be placed on a Professional Player Contract or the onus is on the club to satisfy the Competition Administrator that the amount paid accurately reflects expenses incurred by the player.
- c. Each club shall keep proper books and records of all remuneration paid to its players and shall make the books and records available for inspection as requested by Football Federation SA.
- d. Football Federation SA may at its sole discretion undertake to audit a club. The club/s nominated will be required to follow the requirements of the audit.

- e. Any audit conducted on a club shall be undertaken by an accountant who is a registered company auditor or a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practicing Accountants or The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.
- f. In this Clause, "remuneration" includes:
 - i. signing-on fees, salaries, wages and other money paid by a Club to its players or any of them,
 - ii. the amount or value of any gift, prize or award given or made by the Club to its players or any of them,
 - iii. the value of any other benefit provided or given by a Club to its players or any of them (including, for example, the provision of accommodation or the use of a motor vehicle or other thing at no charge or less than a fair market rent or charge), and
- g. any such payment made, or benefit provided, by the Club to any person who is related to, or resides with, any of its players but does not include the reimbursement to the player of expenses actually incurred by the player, or the payment by the Club of expenses actually incurred by it, for:
 - i. the player's travel and accommodation necessarily incurred through the player's participation in a match, or
 - ii. the player's equipment, training and insurance.

Penalty: In accordance with the National Registration Regulations and FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations clause 61 and 62.

9. Match Officials

- a. All senior WNPL and WSL matches shall have a full compliment of match officials, being a Referee and two (2) assistant referees where possible.
- b. In the case of the WNPL senior grade game, if the full complement of match officials is not present within 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be postponed.

10. Online Team Squads

- a. Each WNPL Club is required to submit their on line team lists through Fox Sports Pulse by 12.00pm Thursday prior to Friday's game.
- b. Each WSL Clubs is required to submit their on line team lists through Fox Sports Pulse by 9.00am Friday prior to the weekend game.

Penalty for not providing the team sheet within the timeframe;
Level 1 Fine - Refer to page 30-31 for details relating to fines

11. Notification of Results

- a. Unless Football Federation SA direct otherwise, the match official of the senior grade game shall be responsible for reporting the result of each match, the goal scorers and any other information that may be required by Football Federation SA.

12. Ground Stewards

- a. All senior and reserve teams shall provide at each match a minimum of 1 ground steward each.
- b. The Disciplinary Committee and/or Football Federation SA have the discretionary power to require a club to allocate more Ground Stewards where the club has been reported for poor behaviour.
- c. For further information on Ground Stewards refer to clause 23 of the Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations.

13. Meetings

- a. All clubs shall ensure that a club representative attends all meetings as scheduled by the Football Federation SA. Meetings will be notified in a timely manner, where possible.

Finals Series

14. The Competition

- a. A final series and/or a playoff series may be conducted in the WNPL and WSL at the conclusion of their respective home and away season. The final series may involve Senior and Reserves teams.
- b. Football Federation SA will determine, in consultation with the clubs, the structure and format of any final series to be conducted. Details will be notified to clubs prior to the season commencing.
- c. The team that finishes top of at the home and away season in the Seniors and Reserves, where a final series is conducted, will be referred to as League Premiers.
- d. The winner of the Final Series Competition shall be referred to as the League Champions.
- e. Where there is no final series, the team that finishes first in their respective competition will be declared the League Champions.

15. Host Responsibilities

- a. Where a final series is conducted, all games will be held at Football Federation SA venues or as directed by Football Federation SA. Football Federation SA will have sole and absolute discretion over the allocation of venues for all games played in the final series.
- b. The clubs involved in the final series will be required to provide the necessary ground stewards as per clause 23 of Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations and clause 11 of Competition Operating Regulations however Football Federation SA may require the host club to provide additional ground and/or crowd security.

16. Kick Off Times and Duration of Matches

- a. Fixtures for the final series will be set by Football Federation SA.
- b. All matches shall be of 90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time.
- c. In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time two periods of extra time of 2 x 15 Minutes will be played. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time, the result shall be determined by penalty kicks in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Note: Football Federation SA may not sanction any other games to be played which are deemed to be in conflict with this competition.

17. Eligibility of Players

No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in the final series.

a. Seniors

- i. A WNPL and WSL club may move players up and play in the Senior Grade Game, once the player has played in the Senior Grade game for that round of the final series, they may only move back down subject to clause 17 (b) ii.
- ii. A club may move players up from their community and junior grade teams

b. Reserve Teams

- i. To be eligible to play in the finals series players must have played at least six (6) matches with the Reserve Team during the home & away season. Clubs are permitted to use players from their Community or junior teams without them having to play the required number of games as outlined above.
- ii. Where the Senior Grade Game is played prior to the Reserve Grade Game, a WNPL and WSL Club may move a maximum of three players between the Senior Grade and Reserve Grade in a Final Series Round on the proviso that the three players named were named as substitutes in the Senior Grade Game.

- iii. Where the Reserve Grade Game is played prior to the Senior Grade game, the movement of players up to the Senior Grade game is unlimited.
- iv. A club may move players up from their community and junior grade teams

Goalkeepers

Any Goalkeeper shall be eligible to play as a goal-keeper and the above restrictions do not apply.

Penalty due to fielding ineligible players

Any club that fields a team with an ineligible player that is in breach of the age and match qualifications as detailed in these operating guidelines will be deemed to have breached the ineligible, unregistered or suspended rule as outlined in clause 62 of Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations.

18. Substitution and Interchange of Players

- a. A team is permitted to name five substitutes on the team sheet, only four of the five named, can be used in the game.
- b. Interchange will be used in Reserves divisions. A maximum of 16 players can be named on the team sheet and all players named can be used.

19. Player Suspensions

- a. Carry over suspensions from the Home & Away league shall apply.
- b. A player who receives two yellow cards during the final series shall be suspended for one match in the next match of the final series. All yellow cards at the conclusion of the series shall be expunged prior to the next scheduled competition unless the player has received a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards. If a player receives suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards and his club is no longer involved in the final series, the suspension will be served in the next competitive league game/s.
- c. A player who receives a Red Card during this competition shall be suspended in accordance with clause 78 of Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations and National Disciplinary Regulations. If the player receives a red card the suspension is to be served in the next competitive game/s.

20. Match Officials and Match Official Fees

- a. Football Federation SA shall appoint Match Officials for all matches of this competition. The home team or hosting club shall cover all related Match Officials fees, excluding the Grand Final, which shall be covered by Football Federation SA.

21. Notification of Results

- a. Please refer to Clause 11, Competition Operations, of these regulations.

22. Admission Charges

- a. Admission charges shall apply for all matches of this competition as outlined in - Clause 1 Admission Charges and Season Passes of these regulations. Season Passes are not permitted to be used during the Final Series. Admission charges for the Grand Final shall be set by Football Federation SA on an annual basis.
- b. Where a double header game is held involving a WNPL and WSL Game, the WNPL admission costs shall apply.

23. Prize Money and Presentation

- a. Allocation of prize money will be set by FFSA on an annual basis.

24. Match Balls

- a. Refer to clause 39 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

Cup Competition

25. Draw

- a. A draw shall be undertaken by Football Federation SA with the participating clubs invited to attend the draw for each round of the cup. The name of each club involved in the competition shall be placed into the draw. Teams will be drawn out one at a time to determine the fixture. The first team drawn out will be the home team, the second team to be drawn out, will be the away team. Teams will be drawn out until no further teams are left. If there is a team left in the draw, this team will be allocated a bye.
- b. If the senior team is drawn to play at home, where possible, the Reserve team will play at the same venue as their senior team.
- c. Cup Competition fixtures will be scheduled on Sundays at the Club's home venue or as scheduled by Football Federation SA.
- d. Where a team from a lower division is drawn to play a team from a higher division, if there are any rule discrepancies between the two divisions, the higher division rules will be implemented.

26. Kick Off Times and Duration

- a. Football Federation SA in conjunction with the host club will set kick off times for all matches. All matches shall be of 90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time.
- b. In the event that a game is drawn at the end of normal time, two periods of extra time 2 x 15 minutes will be played. If the game is still drawn at the end of extra time the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

27. Eligibility of Players

- a. Players must play a minimum of 5 games in the relevant league competition to be eligible to play in the respective cup competition Semi-final and Final games.
- b. A player may move up and play in higher grade cup competition semi-final and/or final if they have played a minimum of 5 games within their respective club.
- c. Once a player has played for a club in a cup competition, the player is unable to play for any other club in the cup competition for that season.
- d. Goalkeepers that are dual registered to FFSA and Club teams can only play for one club in the cup competition.
- e. Where FFSA conducts a number of cup competitions, the information outlined below indicates when a player is or is not cup-tied.
 - i. A player is permitted to play in an Under Age Cup Competition, then move up and play for their club in a higher junior age cup competition or Open Age Cup Competition, if age permits and if they have played the required number of games with their club in regards to semi-final and finals games
 - ii. Once a player has moved up to the next age level or open age cup competition they are NOT PERMITTED to move back down.
 - iii. Once a player has played in an Open Division Cup Competition they are PERMITTED to move up to a cup competition that is deemed to be of a higher grade if they have played the required number of games as outlined in rule 27 - a).
 - iv. Once a player has played in a higher cup competition, they are NOT PERMITTED to move back down and play in a junior or lower open age cup competition.
- f. A Goalkeeper from one open age cup competition may move up and play in another open age cup competition that is deemed to be of a higher grade and then return to the original open age cup competition. This ruling is only applicable to goalkeepers. Therefore a player cannot play in one

team as a goalkeeper and then move up and play on the field for another team and then come back down as a goalkeeper.

28. Player Suspensions

- a. A player who receives three (3) yellow cards during the cup competition shall be suspended for one (1) match, the suspension will be served in the next competitive cup competition match.

Penalty - \$25.00 Fine

- b. All yellow cards received during the cup competition shall be cancelled at the conclusion of that competition unless the player has received a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards. If a player receives a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards, the suspension will be served in the next cup competition match.
- c. A player who receives a Red Card during the cup competition shall be suspended in accordance with clause 78 of Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations and National Disciplinary Regulations. Any suspension will be served in the next competitive game/s that the club participates in.

Penalty - \$50.00 per red card – Refer to Fines and Penalties.

29. Home Venues

- a. The first named team shall be the Home team.
- b. The Home team shall be responsible for hosting all of the games scheduled at the venue. The home club shall be responsible for all costs associated with hosting the games including payment of match officials for all games. The home club will retain all gate receipts and canteen and bar revenue
- c. Semi Final and Final games will be played at neutral venues where possible and these venues will be at the sole discretion of Football Federation SA

30. Match Officials and Match Official Fees

- a. Football Federation SA shall appoint Match Officials for all Cup Matches. The home team or hosting club shall cover all related Match Officials fees, excluding the semi finals and final. Football Federation SA will be responsible for the payment of Match Officials for semi-finals and final matches.
- b. Match Official fees for cup competitions will be set by Football Federation SA and published on an annual basis.

31. Notification of Results

- a. In accordance with Clause 11, Competition Operations of these regulations.

32. Admission Charges

- a. The admission charges to be applied by clubs hosting a cup game shall be the same fee that the club charges for a home game fixture as outlined in clause 1, Competition Operations of these regulations.
- b. If the club is not a WNPL club, the club is not required to charge a fee at their home venue.
- c. Admission for Players and officials into grounds on match days will be by a current season pass excluding semi-final and final games. Season passes will not be valid for semi-final and final games.

33. Forfeits

- a. Clubs who forfeit a Cup match, will forfeit the game by 3 goals to 0 and will incur the prescribed fine. Refer to Fines and Penalties for further information.

34. Semi-Finals and Finals

- a. Semi-Final and Final games shall be played at neutral venues and will be allocated at the sole and absolute discretion of Football Federation SA.
- b. The first team named in the draw for semi-final and final games will be the home team and will wear their allocated home playing strip.
- c. The admission fee for Semi-Final and Final games will be set by Football Federation SA on an annual basis.
- d. Match Official Fees for the Semi Final and Final games shall be paid by Football Federation SA.
- e. Football Federation SA will be responsible for organising trophies and medals for all cup competitions and the presentation of them to teams.
- f. A Player of the Match Medal may be presented at the final of the Senior Grade Cup Competition. Football Federation SA will be responsible for determining the process to be used in awarding this medal.

Penalties and Fines

35. Summary of Fines

- a. Penalties relating to breaches of Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations and Operating Regulations are stipulated at the end of each rule or regulation, where a penalty is applicable. Clubs should also refer to the minimum competition requirements for non compliance.
- b. For full details of the sanction please refer to the relevant ruling in the Competition Rules and Regulations and/or Competition Operating Regulations.

36. Scale of Penalties

Level 1 fine	A fine of \$100.00 for the first offence and \$200.00 for a second offence within 12 months.
Level 2 fine	A fine of \$250 for a first offence and a fine of \$500 for a second offence within 12 months.
Level 3 fine	A fine of \$500 for the first offence and a fine of \$1,000 for the second offence within 12 months.
Level 4 fine	A fine of \$1,000.
Level 5 fine	A fine of \$2,500

a. Rule 4 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Club Colour and Uniform Rule

Level 2 Fine. If the game is postponed due to a colour clash, a forfeit will be imposed on the away team.

b. Rule 13 – Competition Rules and Regulations –Ground Facilities and Club Signage

Level 2 Fine.

Level 4 Fine for non compliance of sponsor signage.

c. Rule 23 – Competition Rules and Regulations - Ground Stewards

Not providing the required number of Ground Stewards and/or not fulfilling roles and responsibilities

All Senior Grades
All other teams

Level 2 Fine
Level 1 Fine

d. Rule 29 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Abandoned Matches

- i. If the game is abandoned due to events outside of the control of the teams, the result of the game may stand if at least 75% of the game has been played.
- ii. If a game is abandoned prior or at half-time, match official is to receive 50% of prescribed fee.
- iii. If a game is abandoned after half-time, match official is to receive full match fee.

e. Rule 31 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Abandoned Matches and Walk offs.

Forfeit of game and relevant fine. Further penalties may be implemented at the discretion of FFSA Disciplinary Committee.

f. Forfeit of Games

Senior WNPL Team	Level 2 fine
Reserve WNPL Team	Level 1 Fine
Senior WSL Teams	Level 2 fine
Reserve WSL Team	Level 1 Fine

If a Match Official/s attends and the game is forfeited, the club is required to pay 50% of the prescribed match official fee.

g. Rule 38 – Competition Rules and Regulations - Teams Sheets and Match Reports

Incomplete Team Sheets

Senior WNPL Team	\$100.00 per offence
Senior WSL Team	\$50.00 per offence
All other teams	\$25.00 per offence

Altering a team sheet once a game has commenced

Senior WNPL Team	Level 2 Fine
Senior WSL Team	Level 2 Fine
All other teams	Level 1 Fine

Playing a registered player not listed on the team sheet

All Senior Grades	Forfeit and Level 2 Fine
All other teams	Forfeit and Level 1 Fine

h. Rule 39 – Competition Rules and Regulations - Match Balls

Use of non sanctioned match balls,all teams.	Level 1 Fine
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i. Rule 55 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Registration of Managers, Coaches, Doctors, Physio and Trainers.

Non Compliance	First Offence	Level 1 Fine
	Second Offence	Level 2 Fine
	Subsequent Offence	Disciplinary Hearing

j. Rule 62 – Competition Rules and Regulations - Playing of an Unregistered, Ineligible and Suspended Player

Senior WNPL Team	Level 2 Fine
Senior WSL Team	Level 1 Fine
All other teams	Level 1 Fine

k. Rule 63 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Ring-Ins (Playing a player under assumed or false name)

Senior WNPL Team	Level 2 Fine
Senior WSL Team	Level 1 Fine
All other teams	Level 1 Fine

I. Rule 10 – Competition Operating Regulations – Online Team Squads

Not providing Senior Team List within required timeframe Level 1 Fine

m. Rule 77-78 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Red and Yellow Cards

Accumulation of 5, 8 and 11 Yellow Cards \$25.00

Accumulation of 14 and 17 Yellow Cards \$50.00

(No fine is to be paid if 5 cards are not received)

Red Card issued to player or official \$50 for each offence

n. Appeals

A club may appeal a decision of the FFSA or Disciplinary Committee. If the appeal is successful, that is the Disciplinary / Appeal Committee finds that there has been no breach of Competition Rules and Regulations and imposes no sanctions, FFSA will reimburse 100% of the appeal fee.

Example 1

A club appeals the findings of the Competition Department, a player is issued with a three match suspension for a R1 offence. The Appeal Committee on hearing the evidence reduces the sanction to two matches. This would not constitute a reimbursement of the Appeal Fee as a sanction is recorded.

Example 2

A club appeals the findings of a Disciplinary Committee who implemented a \$1000.00 fine for breach of spectator code of conduct. The Appeal Committee on hearing the evidence finds that the club undertook every possible action to prevent the breach and is found not guilty. The club would be entitled to a refund of the Appeal Fee.

Appeal Fee \$500.00



WOMEN'S NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE SA PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)

The objectives of the PPS are to:

- Provide greater opportunities to Australian Players;
- Promote a focus on the importance of youth development ;
- Incentivise older and more experienced Players to remain in the WNPL;
- Promote Players through the Club youth development structures;
- Increase the stability of Club Player Rosters;
- Maintain competitive balance and parity amongst the Clubs;
- Incentivise Players progressing through to national elite pathway teams (***National Elite Pathway Team***) to return to their original WNPL Clubs; and
- Reward Clubs who develop Players that progress through to a National Elite Pathway Team.

The PPS encourages Clubs to simultaneously promote youth development and also encourage players 25+ to continue in the sport.

The PPS points cap (***Points Cap***) applies to each WNPL Club's First Team Player Roster (***Player Roster***) and this First Team is required to remain within the Points Cap at all times.

In 2016 the PPS will be trialled by each of the WNPL Clubs. No penalties will be imposed for any breach of the PPS in 2016. At the conclusion of 2016 Season the system will be reviewed in preparation for full implementation in 2017.

The Points Cap for the 2016 season will be set to a maximum of 250 points.

Each Player is, as a starting point, attributed a points value of 10 points, after which the points value is adjusted depending on certain characteristics which result in points being added to or deducted from the Player's points value. A Player's points value cannot be less than 0 points.

Promoting Players from the Club's Age-Eligible Teams (e.g. U11, U13, U15 and U17 teams) and Reserve Team is permitted without restrictions.

Player Points System

Category	Points Adjustment	Description	Criteria
Standard Player 25 and Over	A deduction of -1 for each year the Player is 25 years of age and over	Points deducted for each Player aged 25 & over in the WNPL First Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five points. If a club has 4 or more players in this category in their squad a 'team bonus' of -10 points is provided
Homegrown Player	-1	A Player who has risen through the youth development system within the club to be selected in the WNPL First Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One point is deducted from a Player's points value each season the player has been registered to the Club's U13, U15, U17, Community and/or Reserve Teams. The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five points.
Loyalty Player	-1 for each continuous season with the WNPL Club's First Team	A Loyalty Player is a Player that has registered for the WNPL Club's First Team for at least four continuous seasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One point is deducted from a Player's points value for each season, starting from their fourth continuous season, in which the Player is registered for the WNPL Club's First Team.
Visa Player	10	A Visa Player is any Player who is not an Australian Player in accordance with the Player Points System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten points is added to a Player's points value if that Player is a Visa Player. A Visa Player will only incur a maximum of 20 points on a Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. A Visa Player may still benefit from the other categories of the PPS (e.g. Loyalty Player). A Club can have a maximum of two Visa Players on their Player Roster at any one time.
Switching Player	5	Any Player who has switched Clubs from the preceding season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five points is added to a Player's points value if they were registered in the WNPL with a previous Club and played 10 or more games in that Club's First Team in the most recent WNPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
	3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three points is added to a Player's points value if they were registered in the WNPL with their previous Club and played in less than 10 games in that Club's First Team in the most recent WNPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
Senior Player Advancement	-8	A Player who is recruited from the Club's WNPL First Team by a WWL or FFSA/NTC team for the first time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one off deduction to the Club's total points when a Player is recruited to the WWL, FFSA or NTC Squads for the first time.
Youth Player Advancement	-3	A Player who is recruited from the Club's Reserves, U17, U15 or U13 Teams by a WWL or FFSA/NTC team for the first time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one off deduction to the Club's total points when a Player is recruited to the WWL, FFSA or NTC Squads for the first time.
Pathway Player	0	A Player that has previously left the club and registered directly with a "Pathway" team (eg: NTC, Skillaroos, U15 Girls) and are returning to the club directly from those teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Switching Player penalty for Player's who have left a Club, joined a National Elite Pathway Team and returned to the same Club.

General Definitions and Explanatory Notes

The following discussion points and examples are intended to provide with further clarity around each of the PPS categories.

General Definitions

National Elite Pathway Team

A National Elite Pathway Team is a team which participates in the National Elite Pathway, as determined by the FFA Technical Department and the Member Federations from time to time. Points are credited for the movement of Players through the National Elite Pathway.

For the purposes of the PPS, a team is a National Elite Pathway Team if they are one of the following:

- Westfield W-League
- National Training Centre team
- Member Federation institute pathway programs

First Team Player Roster

Is the roster of Players for a Club's First Team maintained in accordance with the Player Points System and any other WNPL competition regulations provided by the applicable FFSA.

Points Total

Is the sum of all points attributed to all Players on a Club's Player Roster at any given time.

Explanatory Notes

Player Roster Requirements

- At all times during a NPL season, a Club must include a minimum of 18 Players on its Player Roster and may include a maximum of 21 Players on its Player Roster.
- A Club may promote a Player from its Age-Eligible Teams or Reserve Team to play for its First Team without the player being included on the roster.

Australian Player

An Australian Player is any Player who is:

- a citizen of Australia;
- a Permanent Resident of Australia (where Permanent Resident means a person resident in Australia on a "permanent" visa class issued by the Australian Government, evidenced by either the person's Visa Grant Notice or as a listed entitlement on the person's online Visa Entitlement Verification); or
- the holder of a subclass 200 refugee visa or a subclass 866 protection visa issued by the Australian Government.

Visa Player

- WNPL Clubs are encouraged to refer to the following website for further clarification regarding visas: <http://www.border.gov.au/>.
- For the purposes of the PPS, a New Zealand Citizen is classified as a Visa Player unless they satisfy the definition of an Australian Player. Please refer to the Department of Immigration website for further clarification regarding the status of New Zealand Citizens in Australia: <http://www.border.gov.au/>.

Homegrown Player

- A Player does not need to register in continuous seasons in a Club's Age-Eligible Teams (e.g. U11s to U17s only) and/or Reserve Team in order to be eligible for Homegrown Player points..
- Example: For a Player who was registered for the Club in the U11s and U13s but was not registered with the Club in the U15s-U17s, a total of two points will be deducted from her points value for the current season.
- A Player is eligible for Homegrown Player points at the same time as being eligible for Loyalty Player points.

Loyalty Player

- Example: a Player is registered with a WNPL Club's First Team in 2013, 2014 and 2015 (continuous seasons). If also registered in 2016, they will be eligible to receive a deduction of one point as a Loyalty Player in the 2016 season.
- If a Player is not registered with any Club for a season and subsequently returns to their WNPL Club, the number of continuous seasons of registering for that WNPL Club will be deemed to be continuous.
- Example: a Player was registered with the same WNPL Club in 2012, 2013 and 2014 (continuous seasons), however was not registered with any Club in 2015. If the Player registers with the same WNPL Club in 2016, it will be deemed to be their fourth continuous season with the Club and a deduction of one point will be allocated.
- Should a Player move into a National Elite Pathway Team, the determination of the continuous seasons of service will not be deemed to have ceased if they return to their previous WNPL Club. During the Player's time in the National Elite Pathway Team, the calculation of continuous seasons of service will be suspended.

Switching Player

- This category only applies where a Player registers for a new Club.
- The definition of played means taking the field of play (ie. part of the starting eleven or taking the field as a substitute).
- Switching Player points also apply for mid-season registrations and transfers.

Pathway Player

- A Player who departs a WNPL Club for a National Elite Pathway Team and returns to the same WNPL Club will be classified as a Pathway Player provided the Player has remained within the National Elite Pathway for the duration of their absence from the relevant WNPL Club and has not registered and played with another WNPL Club.

Points Deduction– Youth Player Advancement

Example: A WNPL Club has an U13 team Player and an U15 team Player signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The WNPL Club can choose to have (a) six points deducted (-6 points) from this season's Points Total, (b) three points deducted (-3 points) from this season's and next season's Points Total, or (c) six points deducted (-6 points) from next season's Points Total.

Points Deduction – First Team Player Advancement

Example: A WNPL Club has two First Team Players signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The WNPL Club can choose to have (a) sixteen points deducted (-16 points) from this season's Points Total, (b) eight points deducted (-8 points) from this season's and next season's Points Total, or (c) sixteen points deducted (-16 points) from next season's Points Total.



PlayStation 4 WNPL Finals Series Format

Week 1				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Date
Match 1	1 st Place	vs	2 nd Place	Friday 9 th September
Match 2	3 rd Place	vs	4 th Place	Friday 9 th September

Week 2				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Date
Match 3	Winner Match 2	vs	Loser Match 1	Friday 16 th September

Week 3 – Grand Final				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Date
Match 4	Winner of Match 1	vs	Winner of Match 3	Friday 23 rd September



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Play-Off Series Format

Week 1				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Date
Match A	2 nd Placed WSL Team	vs	7 th Placed WNPL Team	Friday 9 th September or Sunday 11 th September

Week 2				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Date
Match B	7 th Placed WNPL Team	vs	2 nd Placed WSL Team	Friday 16 th September or Sunday 18 th September

The winner of the two leg promotional play-off will be determined in the following manner;

- Overall aggregate score;
- Should the aggregate score from the two matches be level at the conclusion of normal time of the second playoff the following will apply;
 - Two x 15 minute periods of extra time
 - If there is still no result at the conclusion of extra time a penalty shootout will occur