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# COMPETITION REGULATIONS

## 2021 COMPETITIONS

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# Section 1: Organisation and Admission

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## 1. Scope and Application

- a) These Regulations are made under clause 5 of the Football NSW (FNSW) By-Laws and apply to the 2021 football Season
- b) Football Australia (FA) has granted FNSW a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in the State
- c) These Regulations govern the Leagues as set out in Section 1 Article 6
- d) Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all Clubs, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the Constitution, By-Laws, FA rules and regulations and where applicable rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and FIFA
- e) If any part of these Regulations is void that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations
- f) FNSW will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties and not subject to challenge or appeal
- g) These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions (the Competitions) unless stated otherwise:
  - i. National Premier Leagues NSW Men's
  - ii. National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's
  - iii. National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's
  - iv. National Premier Leagues 4 NSW Men's
  - v. National Premier Leagues NSW Youth
  - vi. National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Youth
  - vii. National Premier Leagues NSW Women's
  - viii. National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Women's
  - ix. Football NSW Girls Conference League;
  - x. Football NSW Association Youth League;
  - xi. Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program
  - xii. Football NSW Girl's Skill Acquisition; and
  - xiii. Football NSW Cup Competitions.

## 2. Consequences for Breach

- a) Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may at our discretion result in a fine issued by Football NSW or other sanction pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 3. Reference

- a) Where these Regulations refer to a "Club" that reference is to either the Association, Club or Branch that has been accepted to participate in the Competition

## 4. Capitalised Terms

- a) Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1

## 5. Admission / Application to FNSW Competitions

- a) Participation in the Competitions is on an annual basis unless otherwise specified
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the Club agrees that it has no right to any renewal or extension to participate in any future Competitions and FNSW has the right to determine, in its absolute discretion, whether any right to participate in any Competition is renewed or extended
- c) Applications to participate in all Competitions administered within these Regulations are to be made to FNSW, on the prescribed FNSW documents, and submitted by the date on those documents
- d) FNSW will distribute the prescribed FNSW documents in the year preceding each Season

## 6. Confirmation of Leagues / Competitions

- a) FNSW will conduct Competitions in the following Leagues and grades:

League	Grades
National Premier Leagues NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues 4 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues NSW Youth	U18, U16, U15, U14, U13
National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Youth	U18, U16, U15, U14, U13
Football NSW Association Youth League	U16, U15, U14, U13
National Premier Leagues NSW Women's	1st Grade, Reserve Grade
National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Women's	1st Grade, Reserve Grade
National Premier Leagues NSW Youth Girls	U17, U15, U14
National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Youth Girls	U17, U15, U14
Football NSW Girls Conference League	U17, U15, U14
Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program	U12, U11, U10, U9
Football NSW Girls Skill Acquisition Program	U13, U12, U11, U10

- b) Composition of the Leagues, including maximum numbers of Teams per grade, will be determined by the Board
- c) FNSW may conduct cup Competitions for any League or grade. Notification and invitation for participation in these Competitions will be made prior to any Competitions, should they be conducted

## 7. Outstanding Debts

- a) Treatment of outstanding debts will be as per the By-laws
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, failure to comply with outstanding debts in accordance with the By-Laws may result in ineligibility for competition points while the debt remains unpaid, and that those points will not be reinstated once the debt is cleared. It may also result in ineligibility to participate in Championship Matches.
- c) This article applies to all Competition and Cup Matches conducted by FNSW

## 8. Alteration

- a) The Executive will have the power from time to time to make, alter or rescind the Regulations

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## 9. Special Consideration

- a) The Executive will have the power to consider special circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game
- b) The decision by the Executive to review and consider special circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review

## 10. Stadiums

- a) The Stadium for the Matches in the Competition will be nominated upon entry, at the deadline communicated by FNSW, by the Clubs and subject to inspection and confirmation by FNSW
- b) Unless stipulated otherwise in these Regulations or by the Executive, Matches in the Competition must be played in a Stadium which meets all the requirements of, and standards stated in, the FNSW Stadium Technical Requirements and in compliance with the safety and security standards and other FNSW, FA, Australian Standards and Australian Sports Commission guidelines and instructions
- c) Should any Stadium be deemed unacceptable for use for any reason during a Season FNSW reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the Season, including but not limited to rescheduling Matches to the "Away Club" venue, setting Fixtures or Matches to a neutral venue, or forfeiting the Matches against the Home Club
- d) In all instances of article 10 c), any costs incurred in the rescheduling of Fixtures or Matches will be the responsibility of the original Home Club
- e) In circumstances where nominated Stadiums are shared by other than the senior and youth body of the same Club, the responsibility for eradication of Fixture clashes between Clubs shall rest with the nominee
- f) Unavailability of any Stadium due to neglect, non-payment of accounts or any other reason for which the Home Club is responsible will result in a forfeit against the Home Club

## 11. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings

- a) All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a FNSW Fixture, Match, or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 12. Unforeseeable Circumstance

- a) Nothing in these Regulations will prevent the Board from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams in each division

## 13. Control of Competitions

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the Competitions is vested in the Executive subject to any resolution by the Board to the contrary

## 14. Interstate / Inter-League Representative Fixtures

- a) a) The Board may enter into agreements on behalf of FNSW to arrange Fixtures or Matches either interstate or inter league etc., bearing in mind at all times the standing of the State or Territory Member Federation or FA in such matters and the interest of the members of FNSW

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- b) The Board may be empowered to call upon the services of all FNSW Players for possible selection in representative FNSW fixtures, upon such terms and conditions as they deem fit
  - c) Any Player, who, without just cause, fails or refuses to participate in a representative Fixture or Match, cannot participate in his/her Premiership or Championship Fixture, played at or about the same time as the representative Fixture

## **15. Amalgamation of Clubs**

- a) Subject to any term in a Participation Agreement entered into between FNSW and a Club, the new Club remains responsible for the financial obligations of the Clubs that amalgamated to form the new Club. This includes but is not limited to all fines and fees relating to admission, registration, Suspension, breach of regulations etc. and payments to any Players and Team Officials of the Clubs as per their contracts

## **16. Meetings**

- a) FNSW may schedule meetings pre-season and during Season to update Clubs on administrative and coaching matters
- b) Attendance at meetings is compulsory for each Club participating in the competition. Failure to attend without satisfactory reason will result in a fine of \$50

# Section 2: Technical Regulations

## 1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Fixtures and Matches will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FA and FNSW By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA laws of the game
- b) The Executive will decide from time to time the duration of games played in grades other than 1st Grade and may vary the Regulations for any special domestic competition providing due notice of the variations is given to all competing Clubs

## 2. Duration of Match

- a) Duration of Premiership Matches will be as follows for the respective grades of the Competitions:

Age Grade	Duration of Match	Half Time
1st Grade (Men's & Women's)	Two Periods of 45 Minutes	Fifteen (15) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
Reserve Grade (Women's)		
U20 (Men's)		
U18 (Men's)		
U16 (Boys)	Two Periods of 40 Minutes	Ten (10) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
U17 (Girls)	Two Periods of 35 Minutes	Ten (10) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
U15 (Boys & Girls)		
U14 (Boys & Girls)	Two Periods of 30 Minutes	
U13 (Boys)		
U13 (Girls)	Two Periods of 30 Minutes	Five (5) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period – Girls SAP
U12 (Boys & Girls)	Two Periods of 25 Minutes	Two (2) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
U11 (Boys & Girls)		
U10 (Boys & Girls)		
U9 (Boys)		

## 3. Added Time

- a) Referees will play additional "injury and stoppage time" at the conclusion of each half in 1st Grade only in the Premiership matches of the Leagues governed by these Regulations
- b) In a 1st Grade Match Premiership match, should delay be experienced (e.g. a serious injury to a Player that requires suspension of play while the player is treated or transported from the Stadium) the referee will record the lapsed time and ensure it is added to the match duration. If the elapsed time between suspension of play and recommencement of play is longer than 45 minutes the referee will abandon the match and it will be replayed at a date in accordance with these regulations
- c) In all grades other than 1st Grade, should a delay be experienced in the first half (other than that detailed in article 30, dealing with Postponed Matches or Fixtures), the referee will continue to keep the official time of the Match and half time when the Match duration has expired. At this point the Match cannot recommence with the second half until the delay has cleared. If the delay exceeds more than 30 minutes from the half time point, the match will be immediately postponed unless advised otherwise by Football NSW.

- d) If the delay in all grades other than 1st Grade occurs in the second half (other than that detailed in article 30, dealing with Postponed Matches or Fixtures), the referee will continue to keep the official time of the Match and blow full time when the Match duration has expired. At this point, the match result will be referred to Football NSW for review and determination.
- e) For article c) and d) the same principles will occur during extra time in Championship Series matches.
- f) For the Championship Series in 1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U20 and U18 of the Leagues governed by these Regulations Referees will play additional "injury and stoppage time" at the conclusion of each half of normal time, and each half of extra time where applicable

#### 4. Extra Time

- a) There will be no extra time played in FNSW Premiership Matches in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time
- b) Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Cup Tie or Championship Match, extra time will be played as follows:

Age Grade	Duration of Extra Time
1st Grade (Men's & Women's)	Two periods of 15 minutes
Reserve Grade (Women's)	Two periods of 10 minutes
U20 (Men's)	
U18 (Men's)	
U17 (Women's)	
U16 (Boy's)	
U15 (Boy's & Women's)	
U14 (Boy's & Women's)	
U13 (Boy's)	
U13 (Girl's)	
U12 (Boy's & Girl's)	
U11 (Boy's & Girl's)	
U10 (Boy's & Girl's)	
U9 (Boy's)	

#### 5. Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- a) If the result of a Cup Match or Championship Match is still a draw after the two (2) periods of extra time, alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the FIFA laws of the game
- b) If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond control and not the direct result of actions by either Team, the result will be decided by the drawing of lots by the referee in the presence of the two (2) Team captains
- c) If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed through the fault of a Team / Club, the Match will be deemed forfeited against that Team / Club

#### 6. Technical Area

- a) Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches
- b) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear their eligibility card at all times



- c) All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials and the bibs of the opposing Team
- d) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials
- e) The Home Club will occupy the left hand side bench as viewed from the Team bench toward the field of play
- f) All substitutes in the technical area must remain seated unless moving to and from warm-up
- g) Only one (1) person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area
- h) For 1st grade and U20's of the NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's and NPL 4 NSW Men's:
  - i. a maximum of eleven (11) people are permitted in the technical area. These eleven (11) people are to six (6) substitute Players (inclusive of a Goalkeeper) and five (5) registered Team Officials
  - ii. Seating will be supplied and place in position by the Home Club in sufficient quantity to seat eleven (11) people from each Team
- i) In all Competitions (excluding section 2.6 h) except for SAP and Girls SAP:
  - i. For all Competitions except the SAP and Girls SAP a maximum of ten (10) people are permitted in the technical area. These ten (10) people are to be five (5) substitute Players and five (5) registered Team Officials
  - ii. Seating will be supplied and placed in position by the Home Club in sufficient quantity to seat ten (10) people from each Team
- j) For SAP and Girls SAP the number of substitutes is as detailed in Schedule 3. Licensees are to provide seating to accommodate the maximum number of possible substitutes in each age grade plus two (2) seats for Club Officials from both competing Teams

## 7. Warming up

- a) Clubs must supply an alternate warm-up area, in accordance with the Stadium Technical Requirements, in close proximity to the field. This location is regarded as the primary warm-up area for the Match
- b) The Home Club grounds person / representative, in conjunction with the referee and/or FNSW Representative, where applicable, may determine if warm-up on the pitch is to be allowed as well as the location of the warm-up. This decision must consider time constraints, the weather and ensure such action does not cause detrimental impact to the quality of the playing surface for the Match
- c) During play, a maximum of five (5) players from each Team may warm up at the same time, assisted by two (2) Team Officials, without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), in the identified warm-up area within the pitch perimeter fence

## 8. Footballs

- a) The home Team (that being the first team listed on the draw) will supply three (3) first class footballs of the same brand, colour and weight for all Premiership and Cup Matches
- b) Failure to supply match balls will result in a fine of \$25 per match they are not supplied
- c) FNSW will supply footballs for all Championship Matches
- d) FNSW may from time to time stipulate a particular make of football to be used in a particular League or grade
- e) Match balls are to be provided to the Match Officials no later than thirty (30) minutes before kick-off
- f) The following sizes of footballs are applicable to the different age grades:

Grade	Size
U14 and older	5
U10 to U13 inclusive	4
U9	3

## 9. Ball Boys / Girls

- a) At each 1st grade match of the NPL NSW Men's it is no longer a requirement to appoint ball boys / girls
- b) If a match is to appoint Ball boys / girls, Ball boys and ball girls must be between the ages of 10 - 16 years and must ensure COVID-19 Safe practices are performed during the match
- c) Colours worn by the ball boys or ball girls must be distinct from those worn by the Players of both teams and Match Officials

## 10. Premiership Ranking

FNSW will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each grade of Competition:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
  - i. Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches
  - ii. Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches
  - iii. Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
  - iv. Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
  - v. A Play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by the Executive

## 11. Club Championship Ranking

- a) FNSW will use the following process when ranking the Clubs within each Competition:
  - i. NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's and NPL 4 Men's – senior club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system;
  - ii. Please Note: Club Championship Ranking for Men's does not contribute to promotion and relegation.

Grade	Points Multiplier
1st Grade	Premiership points x 4
U20	Premiership points x 2

- iii. NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's – club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system:

Grade	Points Multiplier
1st Grade	Premiership points x 3
Reserve Grade	Premiership points x 1

- iv. NPL NSW Boys' Youth and NPL 2 NSW Boys Youth – club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system:

Grade	Points Multiplier
U14	Premiership points x 1
U15	Premiership points x 1
U16	Premiership points x 1
U18	Premiership points x 1

- b) There will be no Club Championship for NPL NSW Youth (U13), NPL 2 NSW Boys Youth (U13), NPL NSW Girls Youth (U14, U15, U17), NPL 2 NSW Girls Youth (U14, U15, U17), Association Youth League (U13 - U16) or Girls Conference League (U14, U15, U17) competitions
- c) FNSW will use the following process to determine the ranking of Clubs in the club championship:
- i. Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership matches, in all applicable grades, using the relevant points multipliers
  - ii. If two (2) or more Clubs are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
    - a. Greater goal difference resulting from Premiership Matches in all applicable grades.
    - b. Greater goals scored from Premiership Matches in all applicable grades.
    - c. Greater Number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
    - d. Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
    - e. A playoff fixture between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by the Executive
  - iii. For clarity, applicable grades for the purpose of this article do not include any grades whose points multiplier is zero (0). Additionally, points and goals scored against the FNSWI and Emerging Jets are not included in the calculation

## 12. Promotion and Relegation from 2021 to 2022 – Men's Competitions

- a) Eligibility for promotion and relegation will be determined by use of premiership standings of 1st Grade as defined in the Regulations, as well as any other criteria deemed appropriate by the Board
- b) Following are the principles by which Clubs will become eligible for promotion or relegation to 2021 leagues at the conclusion of the 2021 football Season;
- i. 1st Grade Clubs highest in ranking in the relevant Premiership Standings will be eligible for promotion
- c) Promotion and relegation is subject to Club's meeting criteria including but not limited to all articles of the Regulations, the Stadium Technical Requirements, official FNSW application documents, and any other criteria as determined by the Board
- d) Promotion and relegation between NPL NSW Men's and NPL 2 NSW Men's;
- i. The Four highest ranked 1st Grade Clubs in NPL 2 NSW Men's will be eligible for promotion to NPL NSW Men's
- e) Promotion and relegation between NPL 2 NSW Men's and NPL 3 NSW Men's
- i. The eight highest ranked 1st Grade Clubs in NPL 3 NSW Men's will be eligible for promotion to NPL 2 NSW Men's Competition.

- f) Promotion and relegation between NPL 3 NSW Men's and NPL 4 NSW Men's
  - i. The twelve 1st Grade Clubs in NPL 4 NSW Men's will be eligible for promotion to NPL 3 NSW Men's

### **13. Promotion and Relegation from 2021 to 2022 – Boy's Youth Competitions**

- a) Refer to the following link for the Boy's Youth Competition structure:
  - i. [Football NSW NPL Youth Competition Structure Document 2021](#)
  - ii. The structure document includes all information related to the 2021 Boy's Youth Competition which will be bound by these Competition Regulations. Please Note: promotion and relegation is currently to be determined

### **14. Promotion and Relegation from 2021 to 2022 – Women's Competitions**

- a) Eligibility for promotion and relegation is currently to be determined. Confirmation will be provided at the completion of the 2022 Women's Competition Review (prior to the commencement of the competition).

### **15. Competition Points**

- a) Points will be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches:
  - i. Win - 3 points
  - ii. Draw - 1 point each Team
  - iii. Bye - no points
  - iv. Loss - no points
  - v. Forfeit - 3 points to the Team receiving the forfeit

### **16. Competition System**

- a) All Senior Men's Competitions and all Women's Competitions (Except for Cup Competitions) will consist of two (2) stages;
  - i. Premiership consisting of home and away Matches or any League format as approved by the Executive; and
  - ii. Championship consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by the Executive
- b) Cup Competitions will consist of either;
  - i. Straight knockout Matches involving all entered Teams or seeded round entry as approved by the Executive; or
  - ii. Round Robin Competition followed by a knockout finals series, in accordance with these Regulations, or as amended by the Executive.
- c) The NPL NSW Youth & NPL 2 NSW Youth and Football NSW Association Youth League will consist of a Premiership comprising of home and away Matches or any League format as approved by the Executive
- d) The Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program & Football NSW Girl's Skill Acquisition Programs will consist of a League format supported by gala days administered by FNSW

### **17. Competition System – Youth Boys**

- a) Refer to the following link for the Boy's Youth Competition structure
  - i. [Football NSW NPL Youth Competition Structure Document 2021](#)
  - ii. The structure document includes all information related to the 2021 Boy's Youth Competition which will be

bound by these Competition Regulations

## 18. Technical Rules for the Championship

- a) All Championship Matches will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single match, in a venue to be chosen by FNSW
- b) For purposes of allocating a home Team, the Team appearing first in the format below will be considered the home Team for each respective match in the Championship series
- c) Teams will play a single Match and the Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match
- d) If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a Championship Match they will be conducted as per these Regulations
- e) The following format will be used for the Championship Matches of the NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's, NPL 4 NSW Men's, NPL NSW Women's, NPL 2 NSW Women's, NPL 1.1 Youth, NPL 1.2 Youth, NPL 2.1 Youth and NPL 2.2 Youth:

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Preliminary Semi Final	2nd v 3rd
	2	Elimination Semi Final	4th v 5th
2	3	Major Semi Final	1st v Winner Match 1
	4	Minor Semi Final	Loser Match 1 v Winner Match 2
3	5	Preliminary Final	Loser Match 3 v Winner Match 4
4	6	Grand Final	Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 5

- f) The Following format will be used for the Championship Matches of the Football NSW Girls Conference League and Football NSW Association Youth League competition:

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Major Semi Final	1st v 2nd
	2	Minor Semi Final	3th v 4th
2	3	Preliminary Final	Loser Match 1 v Winner Match 2
3	4	Grand Final	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 3

## 19. Technical Rules for Cup Competitions

- a) FNSW Cup competitions will be conducted in accordance with the knockout system involving all entered Teams or seeded round entry as approved by the Executive, in venues chosen by FNSW
- b) Any Pre-Season Cup, when conducted, will be conducted as a round robin Competition followed by a final
- c) FNSW may from time to time conduct other cup Competitions in accordance with these Regulations or the regulations of a third party approved by the Board
- d) If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a cup Match they will be conducted as per these Regulations
- e) Clubs competing in NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's and NPL 3 NSW Men's and NPL 4 NSW Men's, NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's may be exempted from the early rounds of Cup Competition
- f) FNSW will conduct the competition draw by either:
  - i. Drawing the competing Teams into pairs, then following each round complete the draw in the same manner for

- all remaining rounds; or
- ii. Drawing the Teams into pairs and then drawing the “winners” of the matches and any seeded teams for all remaining rounds up to and including the final

## 20. Colours/Clash of Colours

- a) All Clubs are required to submit their first choice and reserve kit colours to Football NSW prior to the Competition commencing
- b) Clubs are required to wear their first choice kit colours for all Matches unless there is a clash of colours and the referee has determined one team must change
- c) During any Fixture the teams of the same Club must wear the same colour playing kit unless ordered expressly otherwise by the referee to resolve a clash with the Match Officials kit
- d) Unless already determined and communicated by Football NSW, the referee will be the sole decision maker of a clash of colours
- e) In the case of a clash of colours of field Players the visiting team will be required to wear their reserve playing kit
- f) In the case of a colour clash the referee may order the visiting team to wear their reserve kit or an combination of the reserve playing kit and first choice playing kit in order to resolve the clash
- g) In the case of goal keeper’s colours clashing with either the opponent’s field Players, goal keeper or the Match Official’s kit, the referee will determine which keeper will change, always keeping in mind the principle that the visiting team should change
- h) In the case of a combination of first choice and reserve kit colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the referee will determine the final colours to be worn by all players and Match Officials
- i) Failure to comply with this article, or as expanded upon in the FNSW Equipment, Commercial and Media Regulations may result in a fine of \$200

## 21. Substitution and Return Substitutions (Interchange)

### Substitution

- a) For 1st grade and U20’s of the NPL NSW Men’s, NPL 2 NSW Men’s, NPL 3 NSW Men’s and NPL 4 NSW Men’s the following process will be implemented:
  - i. Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes:
    - 17 players will be permitted on the team sheet, the 17th player must be a substitute Goalkeeper
    - If a team does not have a substitute Goalkeeper, that team will be capped at 16 players on the team sheet
  - ii. To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the match; substitutions may also be made at half time (do not count as one (1) of the three (3));
  - iii. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for each team;
  - iv. Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time
- b) In the following competitions, each Team may, at its discretion, substitute five (5) Players at any time during a Match
  - i. 1st and reserve grade of the NPL NSW Women’s & NPL 2 NSW Women’s
- c) Once a Player is substituted, they cannot return to the field of play to participate in the Match

- d) Only Players that take the pitch are deemed to have participated in the match

### **Return Substitutions (Interchange)**

- e) For all Competitions not referred to Section 2 art.21 a) & b), unlimited interchange applies with the exception of NPL Youth, NPL 2 Youth Boys and Association Youth League Competitions, in which the following will occur:
  - i. NPL, NPL 2 Youth, AYL (U13, U14, U15, U16, U18 Only) - Unlimited return substitution (interchange) will occur until the final 10 minutes of the match at which time one (1) substitution of one (1) Player will be permitted for each team.
- f) Following is the procedure and rules for the return substitutions (interchange) of Players:
  - i. The "Return Substitution (Interchange zone)" zone" will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line, as defined in the FNSW Stadium Technical Requirements
  - ii. A return substitution (interchange) is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
    - a. The Player leaving the field must leave the field at the nearest point on the boundary line, unless otherwise directed by the referee
    - b. The Player entering the field will also do so from the return substitution (interchange) zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the nearest point on the boundary line
    - c. A player nominated for return substitution (interchange) will be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not
    - d. The return substitution (interchange) is completed when the Player who was off the field, enters the field
  - iii. The number of return substitutions (interchanges) made during a Match is unlimited (except as referenced in art. 21 e) i) A Player who has been replaced may return to the field for another Player
  - iv. If during a return substitution (interchange), an return substitution (interchange) Player enters the field before the replaced Player has completely left it, the referee will ensure the replaced Player leaves the field, then caution the return substitution (interchange) Player and then restart the Match
  - v. The return substitution (interchange) of Players will cease at the completion of normal and extra time. If at this time penalty kicks are required to obtain a result, then the eleven (11) Players on the field at the end of extra time are the only Players permitted to participate in the penalty kicks. No interchanging at this time is permissible
  - vi. Note: If during the taking of the penalty kicks the Goalkeeper is injured he / she may be replaced with another Goalkeeper providing the replacement was listed on the team sheet
- g) Substitutes and return substitution (interchange) players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the referee
- h) Any Player listed on the team sheet is deemed to have participated in the match

## **22. Clubs Removed or Withdrawn from Competitions**

- a) In the event of any Team withdrawing or being removed from the Competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered Competitions to proceed to a conclusion;
  - i. Removed or withdrawing before Competition has started; Bye result will apply in Competitions
  - ii. Removed or withdrawing during first rounds; For all opposing Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Team (for the complete first round), points and goals against the withdrawn Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result. Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Team will obtain a bye result

- iii. Removed or withdrawing during the second round; All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams for the completed first round. Points and goals acquired against such withdrawn Team will be lost and bye results will be credited for the second half of the Competition

## 23. Withdrawal and Forfeit from Cup Fixtures

- a) Clubs failing to give satisfactory reasons for failing to participate in a scheduled cup fixture or withdrawing at short notice from a cup Match may not be permitted to enter the Competition the following season, will pay the expenses incurred by the other Club, Match Official fees and may be further sanctioned by FNSW

## 24. Club Officials and Match Coordinators

- a) All Clubs must supply three (3) jacketed officials for all Matches, who must be 18 years of age or older and must have their names recorded on the team sheet.
- b) All jacketed officials are to wear clothing that easily identifies them as Club Officials. (i.e. brightly coloured bibs).
- c) Clubs must ensure that individuals acting as jacketed officials have read and understood the document [Jacketed Officials - Roles and Responsibilities](#) prior to taking up this role.
- d) Jacketed officials must have read and understood the document [Jacketed Officials - Roles and Responsibilities](#) prior to taking up this role.
- e) Failure by a Club to supply and identify the three (3) jacketed officials for each Match will result in a fine of \$100 per offence.
- f) Clubs and jacketed officials who fail to comply with this Section 2 art. 24 and/or the document [Jacketed Officials - Roles and Responsibilities](#) may be dealt with in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

## 25. Liquids During Play

- a) Liquids may only be drunk during stoppages in play
- b) Drinks must be contained in plastic bottles and handed to the Players on the touch lines
- c) It is forbidden to throw bottles or other receptacles on to the field of play
- d) The goalkeeper may keep a plastic bottle in the corner of his/her goal
- e) Plastic bottles may be placed around the pitch at least one (1) metre away from the touch lines and goal lines, but only as long as they do not obstruct the Match Officials in the course of their duty

## 26. Match Schedule and Kick-Off Times

- a) FNSW will communicate the official match schedule for all Competitions
- b) FNSW will determine the venue of all Premiership, Championship and Cup matches
- c) Final match dates and kick-off times for all Matches will be determined by the Executive
- d) All matches must be conducted on the scheduled day and commence on the stipulated kick-off time.
- e) Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$200
- f) FNSW, in setting down kick-off times, may start Matches at 8:00 am for any daytime fixture which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday
- g) FNSW may also schedule midweek evening Matches to accommodate Premiership washed out or deferred Fixtures as well as Cup Competitions



- h) Should serious delays be experienced in Matches scheduled prior to a 1st grade Match, any number of Matches will be reduced in time, whilst retaining the principle of equal halves, to ensure that the 1st Grade Match commences on time
- j) Clubs will not arrange other Matches or Fixtures until after the official Matches and Fixtures are settled
- k) nor improperly interfere with other Clubs home Competition Matches or Fixtures
- l) Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of Fixtures will be referred to and decided by the Executive
- m) Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, the Executive reserve the right to alter or amend any Fixture after it has been nominated in the official match schedule. The alterations could be to the date, venue, kick-off times or a combination of all providing the Clubs involved are given seven (7) days prior notice
- n) Changes to the official match schedule for all Leagues will only be considered in exceptional circumstance. Any application for a change of venue, fixture and or match must be submitted to FNSW, along with reasoning documentary proof of the "exceptional circumstance" validating the requirements for a venue change, fixture and or match change along with details of the rescheduled venue, fixture and or match, no later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled Match
- o) Any application for a change to the official match schedule within seven (7) days will only be considered by the executive if in its absolute discretion that it is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, including if a venue has become unavailable at no fault of the club. Details of the rescheduled venue, fixture and or match, must be submitted at the time of the request for a change to the official match schedule

## 27. Inclement Weather Affected Fixtures

In all instances, where rain or other weather conditions preceding a Fixture raised fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules are to apply, so that Players, Match Officials and the public can be given correct notice of intentions:

- a) Day/s prior to the scheduled Match day:
  - i. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to contact the relevant venue operator or his/her nominee the day prior to the scheduled Match day to ascertain whether the ground will be fit for play. If the field has been closed, the Home Club coordinator is to immediately contact FNSW and the Away Club coordinator to inform them
- b) Day of the scheduled Match:
  - i. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to inspect the particular ground at 6:00am or the earliest possible time and decide whether play can take place, in the event that match day is washed out article 27 (b) v. will apply
  - ii. In the event no decision is made as per article 26 (b) i. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee, the venue operator or his/her nominee and the appointed referee or his/her nominee, are to meet at the particular ground at 7:30am
  - iii. The referee or his/her nominee is to inspect the ground and decide whether play can take place:
    - a. At all; or
    - b. Providing no further rain falls
  - iv. In the event of article 27(b) (ii) the referee is to decide whether all grades should be played or otherwise
  - v. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to SMS the referee's decision to FNSW immediately after the decision is made, the SMS is to include the following:

- a. Competition Name
  - b. Date
  - c. Round Number
  - d. Time (s)
  - e. Venue
  - f. Age Grades
  - g. Home Team v Away Team
- vi. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to advise the Away Club coordinator immediately after the decision is made
  - vii. FNSW will communicate any field closures to the respective referee appointment officer who will in turn inform the Match Officials
  - viii. All Away Clubs and Match Officials should check with the Home Club before departing for the venue
  - ix. In the case of Fixtures outside the Sydney Metropolitan area, the Home Club coordinator will be responsible for conveying the relevant information to FNSW by 7:00am on match days. Referees officiating at Fixtures outside the Sydney Metropolitan area should check with the FNSW Referees Manager before departure from Sydney
  - x. Failure to adhere to any part of this article may result in a fine of \$100

## **28. Rescheduling of Matches or Fixtures Due to Adverse Weather and Unavailability**

- a) Rescheduling of Matches or Fixtures affected by adverse weather or unavailability will be arranged by the relevant Clubs in the first instance
- b) Matches or Fixtures are to be rescheduled, subject to ground availability and weather conditions, to be played within fourteen (14) days of the original scheduled date
- c) Clubs will be given 48 hours after the postponement to determine the venue and date
- d) Failure to comply with section 2 art. 28 b) and c) may result in FNSW rescheduling the Match or Fixture at a time and place of its choosing
- e) A change of grounds is to be permitted for good reason (adverse weather only) up to the Thursday evening prior to normal weekend playing days, or at least two (2) days before any other playing day. In circumstances where such change occurs, or where cancellation becomes effective, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to notify the opposing contact, as well as FNSW as soon as practical.

## **29. Disruption of Fixture Due to Adverse Weather**

- a) When the Referee finds it necessary to stop play, owing to adverse weather, he/she will wait a reasonable length of time before deciding to abandon or postpone the match

## **30. Postponed Fixtures and Matches**

- a) Fixtures and Matches may only be postponed by the referee or FNSW
- b) In the event of any Fixture or Match not being played owing to weather or other causes over which neither Club has any control, on being ordered to be rescheduled or completed, it shall be played within fourteen (14) days of the first postponement
  - i. If failed lighting is experienced prior to or during a match, the host club must immediately contact the Football

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NSW after hours contact line via txt message requesting a phone call for guidance prior to a match being postponed.

- ii. The host club is also to contact the hirer of the venue and request the appropriate support required in requesting that the lights are turned back on.
  - iii. The host club must take all appropriate steps and demonstrate best endeavors in working to have the lights turned back on including but not limited to working with the opposition to allow access for a qualified person to investigate the light switch box
  - iv. Once all avenues have been exhausted and the lights cannot be turned back on, the match is to be postponed. The match will be rescheduled by Football NSW at a time, date and place of it's choosing
- c) Clubs will be given 48 hours after the postponement to determine the venue and date
- d) Failure to comply with the above Regulation will result in FNSW determining the venue and date
- e) After the commencement of the Match, should play be postponed due to injury, poor weather, failed lighting, state of the pitch or any other reason as determined by the referee, and the Match cannot be completed in full, and FNSW has approved the rescheduled match, it will recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full. The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the Match:
- i. The Match will recommence with the same Players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the Match was initially postponed unless a player has received a Suspension in matches conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match.
  - ii. Should a player have received a Suspension in a match conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match that player:
    - a. Will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled match
    - b. Will not be able to count the match as a stand down in relation to any fixture Suspension
    - c. The club will not be permitted to replace the player on the team sheet
    - d. If the player was on the field of play at the time of the postponement the player may be replaced by a substitute listed on the team sheet as long as the team has available substitutions as per the Regulations
    - e. If the Player was a substitute the number of available Players to substitute will decrease as they player cannot be replaced
  - iii. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of Players on the team sheet
  - iv. The Teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the Match was postponed
  - v. Players sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced
  - vi. FNSW will endeavour to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however may appoint replacements should any or all of the Match Officials be unavailable
  - vii. The referee is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual elapsed time as recorded by the referee
  - viii. Should a Match be abandoned due to the fault of one (1) Team, or should it be determined by FNSW that one (1) Team / Club is responsible for the delay to the Match, the remaining minutes will not be rescheduled for completion, and the Match will be determined as a forfeit against the Team / Club that is deemed guilty of the abandonment or responsible for the delay
  - ix. Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the match was actually postponed, FNSW will treat the Match as postponed

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## 31. Abandoned Matches

- a) In cases where a Fixture has been abandoned by the referee, a Tribunal may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or Spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment
- b) When a Match is not played or abandoned for any reason over which neither Club was responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by the Executive, in accordance with these Regulations
- c) When a Match is abandoned for any reason other than stated in section 2 article 30(b) the match may only be replayed by the authority of the Executive
- d) Should a Club, Club Official, its Players or Spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition
- e) Should both Clubs be found to have caused the abandonment of the match the match will not be replayed and no match result will be applied.

## 32. Forfeits

- a) Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
  - i. They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
  - ii. They refuse or fail to begin a Match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
  - iii. They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
  - iv. At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players; or
  - v. An ineligible player as defined in these Regulations participates in the match;
  - vi. Any other scenario within the Regulations or the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match
- b) In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect;
  - i. Full points allocated for the Match will be forfeited to the opponent Team and the goals recorded according to 3 goals scored by the Team getting the points and 0 by the Team who has infringed the regulation, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than 3, in which case they will receive the number of goals for scored in the match, with the forfeiting Team receiving nil
  - ii. Offending Clubs will pay all appropriate Match Officials fees, whether or not the Match Officials were in attendance, and pay compensation to the opposing Club. Compensation will be determined by the Executive.
  - iii. On a second forfeit, the Club involved will be required to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the Competition, and the Team will, in addition to any fine imposed and loss of Match points should the result have been a win in their favour or a draw, forfeit four (4) additional Competition points
  - iv. If a Club does not have sufficient Players to field a 1st grade Team, the club will forfeit all age grades included in the Club Championship for that fixture. Men's Club Championship is defined as U18, U20 & 1st Grade, Women's Club Championship is defined as Reserve Grade & 1st Grade. The points will be awarded as a 3-0 win to the Team receiving the forfeit unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than 3, in which case they will receive the number of goals for scored in the match, with the forfeiting Team receiving nil.
- c) Fines for forfeited Matches in FNSW Competitions are:
  - i. 1st forfeited match in a Season \$250
  - ii. Subsequent forfeited Match/s in the same football Season \$500

- d) Should a Team forfeit its last scheduled Premiership Match without prior written advice from FNSW permitting the match to be rescheduled, the Clubs that causes the match to be forfeited will not be eligible for participate in the Championship Series.

### **33. Match Deferments**

- a) A Club may seek FNSW permission to have Matches deferred in the following cases;
  - i. When an epidemic/pandemic affects the availability of Players
  - ii. When more than three (3) Players of a Team are involved in a FNSW or National Team representative Match/ duties (including training camps, official training sessions) at the time of the Fixture
  - iii. When more than three (3) Players of a Team are involved in the W-League Semi Finals or W-League Grand Final, if the deferment is approved, the Reserve Grade match will also be postponed.
    - a. A player must form part of the current squad roster for the W-League team and must be free of injury at the time of the submission request
  - iv. In circumstances which the Executive at its discretion consider of sufficient weight to merit a deferral
- b) Clubs seeking to defer Matches in regards to items ii. and iv. above must submit their request in writing to FNSW giving a minimum 14 days' notice of the date on which deferment will be sought

### **34. Matches Conducted Under Artificial Light**

- a) A Fixture may be played wholly or in part under floodlights, provided that any alteration to starting times will have been given due approval and that the standard of lighting meets the requirements contained in the Stadium Technical Requirements

### **35. Trial Matches**

- a) Clubs will not arrange trial Matches without first submitting the prescribed form to FNSW at least five (5) working days prior to the requested trial Match date
- b) The Match then can only be conducted upon receipt of written approval from FNSW
- c) Payment for Match Officials at trial Matches will be as communicated by the Competition Department. All fees are to be paid by the participating Clubs to the Match Officials on the day of the Match except where FNSW directs, failure to do so will result in a fine of \$25 per match
- d) Appearance of suspended Players in trial Matches is in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

### **36. Overseas Tours and Travel**

- a) Clubs wishing to arrange overseas tours and travel must obtain the written approval of FNSW not less than eight (8) weeks prior to departure.
- b) The overseas tours and travel should not interfere with Fixtures of other Clubs in FNSW Competitions. Any overseas tour that may interfere with Competition Fixtures must be played prior to overseas travel and arranged fourteen (14) days in advance by the departing team/club. Failure to do so will result in the overseas tour and travel not being sanctioned by FNSW and forfeits will apply to matches that interfere with Competition Fixtures.
- c) Football NSW will not provide any approval for overseas tours that involves travel between July 20 and the completion of the respective competition that the team/club participates in. Any team/club that travels during that period, will automatically forfeit its matches in accordance with section 2 art.32

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### **37. Friendly Matches and Visiting Teams**

- a) Clubs wishing to arrange friendly Match/s must obtain the written approval of FNSW not less than fourteen (14) days before Match/s and also must ensure that such Match/s do not interfere with Fixtures of other Clubs in FNSW Competitions
- b) Club Matches versus visiting overseas or interstate Teams as distinct from organised tours by FNSW and/ or the FA will be only authorised upon such terms and conditions as determined by the Executive from time to time

### **38. Protests**

- a) Protests must be lodged and received at FNSW head office no later than two (2) business days after the Match was played
- b) Protests will only be considered by the Executive for obvious breaches/errors of the laws of the game that clearly had a material effect on the outcome of the Match
- c) No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered by the Executive in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials
- d) Protests must be accompanied by a \$150 administration fee in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest. A refund may apply at the discretion of the Executive if a protest is upheld.

## Section 3: Eligibility

### 1. Age Eligibility

- a) The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age grades of the Competitions. Players must be within these ranges in order to be eligible for registration:

Age Grade	Birth Date
U20	For players born on or after 1 January 2001
U18	For players born on or after 1 January 2003
U17	For players born on or after 1 January 2004
U16	For players born on or after 1 January 2005
U15	For players born on or after 1 January 2006
U14	For players born on or after 1 January 2007
U13	For players born on or after 1 January 2008
U12	For players born on or after 1 January 2009
U11	For players born on or after 1 January 2010
U10	For players born on or after 1 January 2011
U9	For players born on or after 1 January 2012

- b) A participant who registers themselves or another person(s) in the incorrect age grade is deemed to have committed Misconduct and may be dealt with pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- c) For the avoidance of doubt, a Club may be held vicariously liable for an offence committed under Section 3.1b) by one of its Officials or Players and may be dealt with pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

### 2. A-League (AL) Academy Clubs

- a) To be eligible to participate in a 2021 1st Grade the player must:
- Be born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2005 (inclusive);
  - Be an Australian Player as defined by the A-League & National Youth League Player Contract Regulations 2020/2021.
- b) An AL Academy Team may register players to their 1st Grade team roster who are older than the eligible age bracket as prescribed in 3.2 a) where the following criteria are satisfied in respect to that player:
- The player was born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 1999 (inclusive); and
  - The player is an Australian Player as defined in the A-League & National Youth League Player Contract Regulations 2020/2021; and
  - An AL Academy Team are permitted to list a maximum of four (4) players born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1999, including one (1) player born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 1997 on the team sheet in a 1st Grade Match.

Examples:

- 1st Grade Match, AL Academy lists three (3) players born in 1998 and one (1) player born in 1997 on the team sheet. No further players born between 1997-1999 permitted to be listed on the team sheet.
- 1st Grade Match, AL Academy lists two (2) players born in 1999, one (1) player born in 1998 and one (1) player born in 1997 on the team sheet. No further players born between 1997-1999 permitted to be listed on the team sheet.
- 1st Grade Match, AL Academy lists two (2) players born in 1999, two (2) players born in 1998 on the team sheet. No further players born between 1997-1999 permitted to be listed on the team sheet.

- c) For avoidance of doubt, AL Academy Clubs are not permitted to play any over age players in the U20 competition.

### **3. Eligibility and Ineligibility of Players General**

- a) Eligible Players:
  - i. An eligible Player is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations
- b) Ineligible Players: Ineligible Players include;
  - i. Unregistered Players
  - ii. Suspended Players
  - iii. Football NSW may decide, in its absolute discretion, whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandoned, cancelled or forfeited Match and any such decision is final and not subject to any challenge or appeal.
  - iv. A Player who is required to stand down for receiving the required number of cautions
  - v. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the day/s prior to a Match but after the regular Disciplinary Committee hearing date
  - vi. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Match but played early in the day
  - vii. A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- c) Any Team will automatically lose a match on forfeit and be fined \$250, if an ineligible player participates in the match or, if at the time of the match, the Team is in breach of the cap on Visa Players set out in the Player Points System
- d) Additionally the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may be further sanctioned in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- e) For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any Match

### **4. Age Eligibility in Premiership Matches – Men’s & Youth Competitions**

- a) Except in the case of AL Academy Clubs (to which Section 3.2 above applies), for the Men’s 1st Grade, U20, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13 grades:
  - i. Provided they are age eligible as prescribed under Section 3.1a), players are permitted to play in any of the 1st Grade, U20, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13 age grades during the Premiership if registered prior to the first registration window.
  - ii. An age eligible player is not permitted to play down into the U18, U16, U15, U14, U13 age grade if that player was registered with the club’s U20, 1st Grade team during the mid-season registration window.
  - iii. An age eligible player is not permitted to play up into the U13, U14, U15, U16, U18 age grade if that player was not registered with the club at the close of the NPL NSW Youth, NPL 2 NSW Youth, AYL Registration window.
- i. Additionally, Clubs are permitted to play up to four (4) over age 1st Grade players in U20 in any given Match.
- ii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day, For the avoidance of doubt, this provision also applies to AL Academy Clubs
- b) For the Youth U18, U16, U15, U14 and U13 age grades:
  - i. Clubs will not be permitted to leave any player off the team sheet unless that player is injured, absent through



illness, or any other reason that is deemed appropriate by the Football NSW Executive. Clubs deemed to have breached this article will be fined \$500

- ii. Players are permitted to play up in any higher age grades of their Club, including across different divisions
- iii. Clubs that have squads in the SAP are able to field players from the U12 team in their U13 team
- iv. Association Youth League will be permitted to field players from an Associations SAP
- v. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day.
- vi. No player registered in the 11 v 11 Competition format are permitted to play in SAP.

## 5. Age Eligibility in Premiership Matches – Women’s Competitions

- a) For the Women’s 1st Grade and Reserve grade:
  - i. As long as they are eligible, players are permitted to play in 1st Grade and Reserve Grade during the Premiership
  - ii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers that are age eligible, Players registered to the 1st Grade and Reserve grade cannot play down into the U17-U14 age grades regardless of being age eligible
  - iii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day
- b) For the Women’s U17, U15, and U14 age grades:
  - i. As long as they are age eligible, players are permitted to play in any of the U17-U14 age grades during the Premiership excluding those players registered to 1st Grade and Reserve Grade as per section 3 art.5 ii
  - ii. Clubs will not be permitted to leave any player off the team sheet unless that player is injured, absent through illness, or any other reason that is deemed appropriate by the Football NSW Executive. Clubs deemed to have breached this article will be fined \$500
  - iii. Players are permitted to play up in any higher age grades of their Club during the Premiership
  - iv. Clubs that have full time Girl’s SAP or Girl’s players who play in the Clubs SAP are able to field players from their U13 team who are born in 2008 in their U14 team.
    - Any Girls SAP player born in 2009 or after, must seek approval from FNSW prior to being eligible to play in the U14 age grade
  - v. Clubs that have part time Girl’s SAP will not be permitted to field players in their U14 team
  - vi. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day
  - vii. No player registered in the 11 v 11 Competition format are permitted to play in SAP/Girls SAP.

## 6. Eligibility of Players in Championship Fixtures

### Men’s Competitions:

- a) Except in the case of AL Academy Clubs (to which Section 3.2 above applies), for the Men’s 1st, U20 grades:
  - i. Provided they are age eligible as prescribed under Section 3.1a), players are permitted to play in any of the 1st, U20 grades of their club during the Championship
  - ii. Other than the Goalkeeper, no overage player is eligible to play in an U20 grade Championship Match if he has actually taken the field for 1st Grade in two (2) of his last three (3) Premiership matches in which his Club has played

- iii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day, Youth Competitions:

### **Youth Competitions:**

- a) For the Youth U18, U16, U15, U14, U13 grades:
  - i. Provided a player is age eligible and do not breach section 3 art.4 a) ii they are permitted to play down an age grade in any of the U18, U16, U15, U14 and U13 grades of their club during the Championship provided that player has been listed on the team sheet in 10 matches in that age grade during the premierships season. In circumstances where a player has not been available to meet the minimum 10 match required to be eligible, clubs can write to the Football NSW Competitions department where individual circumstances, such as injury, can be reviewed and approved to play if appropriate
  - ii. Provided a player has played 10 matches in his own age grade, that player will be permitted to play in the age grade above the players age eligible age grade. In circumstances where a player has not been available to meet the minimum 10 matches required to be eligible, clubs can write to the Football NSW competitions department where individual circumstances, such as injury, can be reviewed and approved to play if appropriate.
  - iii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day,
  - iv. Clubs will not be permitted to leave any player off the team sheet unless that player is injured, absent through illness, or any other reason that is deemed appropriate by the Football NSW Executive. Clubs deemed to have breached this article will be fined \$500

### **Women's Competitions:**

- a) 1st Grade:
  - i. Provided a player is eligible they will be available for selection for a Club in Championship Matches
  - ii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to be listed on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day,
- b) Reserve Grade:
  - i. No player other than a goalkeeper will be eligible to play in a reserve grade Championship Match if she has actually taken the field for 1st Grade in two (2) of her last three (3) Premiership Fixtures in which her Club has played
  - ii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day,
- c) U17, U15 and U14:
  - i. Provided they are age eligible, players are permitted to play in any of the U17-U14 age grades during the Championship series excluding those players registered to 1st Grade and Reserve Grade as per section 3 art.5 ii
  - ii. Players in the U17 – U14 age groups can play in any higher age grade at their club during the Championship without it affecting their eligibility to play in their registered age grade matches.
  - iii. Except in the case of Goal Keepers that are age eligible, Players registered to 1st Grade and Reserve Grade are not permitted to play down into the U17 – U14 age grades regardless of being age eligible.
  - iv. Except in the case of Goal Keepers, a Club is not permitted to list a player on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day, Goal Keepers are the exemption to the rule.

## **7. Eligibility of Players Cup Competitions**

- a) Pre-Season Competitions:
  - i. Each Club may list three (3) "trial" Players on the team sheet in each of the pool matches of the Pre- Season Cup.

All other Players used in these Matches must be currently registered players with FNSW

- ii. Only FNSW registered Players may be used in the Final Match
- iii. A “trial” player may take the field for more than one Club in the Pre-Season Cup
- b) All Other Cup Competitions;
  - i. Only players registered with FNSW in accordance with these Regulations may represent a Club in cup Fixtures
  - ii. No Player will be permitted to play for more than one Club in any Cup Competition per season

## 8. Biological Maturation Testing

- a) The Biological Maturation principle allows for Players that are classified as late developers to offset any physical disadvantage in relation to Players of typical or early maturation by playing down one age group
- b) Biological Maturation approval will be provided by FNSW to Players who have undergone a Peak Height Velocity (PHV) assessment and have been assessed as a late developer:
  - i. For Boys, an on-time maturer is deemed someone who goes through PHV between 13.5 to 14.5 years of age. If a Player is assessed as having gone through PHV before 13.5 years of age, they will be deemed an early maturer (relative to the normal population) and will be required to play in their age group. If a Player is assessed as expected to go through PHV after 14.5 years of age, they will be deemed a late developer and will be entitled to play down one age group.
  - ii. For Girls, an on-time maturer is someone who goes through PHV between 11.5 to 12.5 years of age. If a Player is assessed as having gone through PHV before 11.5 years of age, they will be deemed an early maturer (relative to the normal population) and will be required to play in their age group. If the Player is assessed as expected to go through PHV after 12.5 years of age, they will be deemed a late developer and will be entitled to play down one age group.
  - iii. FNSW will conduct PHV assessments. FNSW will communicate the assessment process prior to the completion of the 2020 Football season in planning for the 2021 season.
- c) The age groups for which the Biological Maturation principle will apply for the 2021 season is as follows:
  - i. Boys’: NPL NSW Youth, NPL NSW 2 Youth, Association Youth League – U13, U14, U15 and
  - ii. Girls’: NPL NSW Youth, NPL NSW 2 Youth & Girls Conference League – U14, U15
- d) Each club will be permitted to register a maximum of one (1) approved “late developer” per team/age grade

## 9. Relative Age Effect (RAE)

- a) RAE will remain in the U9 to U12 age groups of FNSW Competitions and U10 to U13 Girls age groups of FNSW Competitions only.
- b) RAE consideration will be provided to Players who have height and weight results, when assessed, below the 50th percentile as listed in the following table and elaborated on in Schedules 4 through 5 of the Regulations

Age Group	Height (cm) – 50th percentile		Weight (kg) – 50th percentile	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
9 years	Less than 136.7	N/A	Less than 33	N/A
10 years	Less than 142.5	Less than 144.5	Less than 38	Less than 39
11 years	Less than 149.3	Less than 150.7	Less than 42.4	Less than 43.3
12 years	Less than 153.4	Less than 156.7	Less than 49.2	Less than 51.4
13 years	N/A	Less than 159.5	N/A	Less than 52.3

- c) Clubs must request for RAE assessment by FNSW for any player who is seeking RAE status
- d) Registration as an RAE Player is only possible if FNSW has granted RAE status to a Player following FNSW assessment processes
- e) FNSW will communicate the process for RAE assessment prior to the annual trial period
- f) For Football NSW SAP & Football NSW Girls SAP:
  - i. Each applicable age grade is limited to two (2) RAE Players unless a special exemption is provided by FNSW on a case by case basis
  - ii. RAE Players are to fall within the permitted squad totals. For clarity RAE Players cannot be registered in addition to the maximum squad totals
  - iii. SAP Technical directors can make the determination of RAE status in their licence. For clarity, players seeking exemption in U13 (Boys) competition and U14 (Girls) competition after leaving SAP will need undergo a Biological Maturation assessment

## 10. Player Identification Sheets

- a) Player identification sheets are to be made available to the opposing Team manager for perusal prior to the commencement of the Match, and it will be his / her duty to return the sheets to the Club after checking that they are in order
- b) Players for any Team that are not included on the player identification sheets are not permitted to take the field of play
- c) Any Team who cannot produce at least seven (7) Players that appear on the Player identification sheets for any Match will not have enough eligible Players to commence the Match and will be deemed to have forfeited the Match.
- d) The referee is to report the reason for the forfeit on the team sheet and submit it to FNSW, signed by both Team managers
- e) Opposing Team managers are responsible for sighting the Player identification sheets prior to the Match. Should a Team suspect the opposition of replacing any Player between the initial identification sheet check and the commencement of either the first or second half, the following procedure must be followed:
  - i. The manager of the Team suspecting a breach informs the Manager of the opposing Team that he / she wishes to check the identity of the specific Player/s
  - ii. The Team managers of both Teams, along with the referee and 4th Official (should a 4th Official be appointed) check the identity of the Player/s in question against the player identification sheet and the team sheet, on the field of play before the Player/s leaves the field of play at either the half time interval or conclusion of the Match
  - iii. Should it be determined that the Team has fielded an ineligible Player, FNSW is to be contacted immediately for further guidance to determine if the Match is to continue or if it will be immediately forfeited in favour of the Team that did not breach the regulation. If Football NSW is unable to be contacted the match should proceed and the match officials are to submit incident reports post- match through the incident report procedure.
  - iv. Should it be determined that both teams fielded an ineligible player FNSW will determine whether the match is to be replayed, void and if any sanction should be imposed on the Clubs, Club Officials and / or Players involved
  - v. Should any Team Official or Player refuse to follow the above procedure the Match will immediately be forfeited to the opposing Team to the Official or Player that has refused to co-operate
  - vi. In all cases the referee will report the incident to FNSW

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- f) Any Club, Team Official and / or Player that is found to have breached this article may sanctioned pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
  - g) Failure of Teams to produce player identity sheets on request will result in a fine of \$250

## **11. Player Points System (PPS) – Men’s**

- a) The Player Point System for NPL NSW Men’s, NPL 2 NSW Men’s and NPL 3 NSW Men’s is as detailed in Schedule 9.
- b) Breach of the PPS during the season, either via fielding an ineligible player, falling below the minimum player roster, or upgrading players that result in “1st team” players in excess of the maximum, will result in a forfeit against the offending team.
- c) Clubs are required to submit a final Player Points Report on the official form, by email to Football NSW no later than;
  - i. 5:00pm as per the below:
    - NPL NSW Men’s - 19th February
    - NPL 2 NSW Men’s, NPL 3 NSW Men’s – 26th February
  - ii. Any changes to the Clubs PPS during the Premiership season are required to be submitted to FNSW no later than 9:00am on the Thursday prior to the weekends fixture

## **12. Player Points System (PPS) – Women’s**

- a) The Player Point System for NPL NSW Women’s and NPL 2 NSW Women’s is as detailed in Schedule 10.
- b) Breach of the PPS during the season (i.e. fielding an ineligible player), will result in a forfeit against the offending team.
- c) Clubs are required to submit a final Player Points Report on the official form, by email to Football NSW no later than;
  - i. 5:00pm as per the below:
    - NPL NSW Women’s, NPL 2 NSW Women’s – 22nd March
  - ii. Any changes to the Clubs PPS during the Premiership season are required to be submitted to FNSW no later than 9:00am on the Thursday prior to the weekends fixture

## Section 4: Registration

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### 1. Player Status

- a) Players who are registered participants in FNSW Competitions will be either Amateur or Professional Players as prescribed in the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (NRSTR)
- b) Clubs are required to record the status of each Player on the National Registration System by having the player self-register as either Amateur or Professional
- c) Players who participate for Clubs who play in the NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's, NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions can be either Amateur or Professional in accordance with the permissible total Professional players indicated in these Regulations
- d) All Players in other Leagues must be registered as Amateur Players

### 2. Amateur or Professional Player

- a) Article 3.1(b) of the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (NRSTRs) provides that "a Professional is a Player who has a written contract with a Club, under which he or she is paid more than the expenses he or she effectively incurs to play football for that Club". Article 6.1(a) of the NRRs provides that the contract must be in the form of the Professional Player Contract (FA Prescribed Form NRR05) and the body of the contract must not be amended. Article 6.1 includes other requirements in relation to the contents of the contract and Clubs should make reference to that article.
- b) Article 3.1(c) of the NRRs provides that "An Amateur is any Player that is not a Professional. A Club may pay or reimburse a Player any expenses incurred by that Player without affecting his or her status as an Amateur, including but not limited to travel, kit, equipment or insurance premiums. If, however, an Amateur is paid or reimbursed more than \$110 a week by a Club, the onus is on that Club to satisfy the Competition Administrator [Football NSW] that the amount paid accurately reflects the expenses incurred by that Player. If the Club fails to satisfy this onus, that Player will be deemed to be a Professional."
- c) All clubs eligible to register Professionals (Competitions listed with a Professional Player Window as per Article 4.7 (d)) must complete the Professional Player Declaration Form, which can be viewed by clicking [here](#), declaring all players on professional contracts registered to your club for the 2021 Season. Failure to complete the declaration form or failure to declare all "Professional Players" at the club (and/or to properly register them) may result in sanctions against the club, including, but not limited to, fines, the loss of competition points and/or the return of prize money.

### 3. Reacquisition of Amateur Status

- a) A Player registered as a Professional Player cannot re-register as an Amateur Player until at least thirty (30) days after his or her last Match as a Professional Player
- b) A Player registered to a Standard Player Contract with an A-League or W-League club in the 2020/2021 season may re-register as an Amateur Player immediately after his or her last Match as a Professional Player, subject to the Club/Player submitting a written request to Football NSW and Football NSW approving that request in its absolute discretion.

### 4. Process for the Registration of an Amateur

- a) All Amateur Players must be registered via the National Registration System. The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club and allocated to the respective team within the national online registration system.
- b) The registration must be effected through the player self-registering via the National Registration System and the Club accepting the Player's registration

- c) If a Player is registering to any Club for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or similar form of identification. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure this process is adhered to, including that the player is eligible to play in the age grade to which he/she has been registered

## **5. Process for Registration of a Professional**

- a) A Player is eligible to be registered with FNSW as a Professional Player with a Club only if;
  - i. The Player has self-registered via the National Registration System and the Club has accepted the Player's registration; (If a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport or drivers licence) and
  - ii. An original Professional Player contract signed by the Club and the Player seeking to be registered is lodged with FNSW within the outlined registration windows; and
  - iii. The requirements set out in (i) and (ii), above, are completed during the prescribed registration period
  - iv. At the closure of each Professional Player Registration Window, each club is required to complete the prescribed online Professional Player declaration form as communicated by Football NSW.
- b) The registration of a Professional Player with a Club is effective from the date of registration as entered by FNSW on the prescribed form and continues in accordance with the Professional Player contract

## **6. Process for Registration of Team Officials**

- a) Clubs are required to submit registrations for all Team Officials who they appoint to Teams including but not limited to Coaches, physiotherapists, team managers, and gear stewards
- b) The registration can be effected through:
  - i. The Team Official self-registering via the National Registration System and the Club accepting the Team Officials registration and
  - ii. Have met the Working with Kids and Child Protection requirements as communicated by Football NSW
- c) Failure to comply will result in non – issue of ID Card

## **7. Submission of Registrations**

- a) All registrations must submitted via the National Registration System, with allocation to the respective team, and a passport style photo (head and shoulders ONLY) is to be uploaded into the Player or Match Officials profile within the communicated registration period
- b) All Clubs must submit registrations for all Players and Team Officials as listed in these Competition Regulations
- c) All registrations during advertised registration dates must be submitted to FNSW no later than 11:00pm on Wednesday prior to the weekends fixtures to be eligible for that weekend
- d) On the Closing Date of each registration period; registrations must be lodged by no later than 5.00pm.

League	Amateur Player Window	Professional Player Window
NPL NSW Men's – 1st Grade (only)	N/A	(a): 1 December – 3 January (b): 16 February – 24 February
NPL NSW Men's – U20's	1 December – 19 February	N/A
NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's, NPL 4 NSW Men's – 1st Grade (only)	N/A	(a): 1 December – 3 January (b): 16 February – 3 March
NPL NSW 2 Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's, NPL 4 NSW Men's – U20's	1 December – 26 February	N/A
NPL NSW Youth, NPL 2 NSW Youth, Association Youth League - U13 - U18	1 December – 19 February	N/A
Skill Acquisition Program	1 December – 26 February	N/A
NPL NSW Women's, NPL 2 NSW Women's – 1st Grade (only)	N/A	(a): 1 December – 9 January (b): 31 March – 2 April
NPL NSW Women's, NPL 2 NSW Women's – U14 – Res Grade	1 December – 19 March	N/A
Girls Conference League	1 December – 12 March	N/A
Girls Skill Acquisition Program	1 December – 12 March	N/A
<p>Note: Excluding 1st Grade Competitions with Professional Registration windows, registrations for Round 1 must be received and allocated to the respective team 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant competition in order to be processed</p> <p>Note: Excluding 1st Grade Competitions with Professional Registration windows, registrations Outside of Registration Periods principles as per the Competition Regulations will continue to be applied.</p>		

## Mid-Season Registration Window

League	Mid-Season Professional/Amateur Window
NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's, NPL 4 NSW Men's – U20s & 1st Grade	26 April – 10 May
NPL NSW Women's, NPL 2 NSW Women's, Girls Conference League – U14 – 1st Grade	21 June – 5 July
Skill Acquisition Program (U9 – U12) and Girls Skill Acquisition Program (U10 – U13)	26 April – 10 May
NPL NSW Youth, NPL 2 NSW Youth, Association Youth League – U13 – U18	No Mid-Season Registration Window, players will not be permitted to register for another NPL Youth, NPL 2 Youth or AYL club after the close of the February registration window

## 8. Registrations Outside Registration Periods

- a) FNSW may register a Player outside of the Registration Periods if:
- i. That player is a goalkeeper and FNSW has been satisfied that the Club has justifiable reason for the request and has provided appropriate evidence
  - ii. The Club has promoted a player to a 1st Team A-League Professional contract. A club must seek approval from FNSW (such approval to be granted or withheld by FNSW in its sole and absolute discretion). A replacement player must not be currently registered within the FNSW NPL NSW Competition.



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- iii. That player is/was a A-League or W-League Player during the 2020/2021 season as defined in the A-League/W-League Contract Regulations
  - iv. Players will be granted special exemption from the above-mentioned Registration Periods/Windows, under the following circumstances;
    - A player which has NOT been registered to a FNSW National Premier League(s) Youth, Skill Acquisition Program, Girl's Skill Acquisition Program Club, AYL or, Girls Conference League during the 2021 Outdoor Season
    - The player is registered and active in the National Registration System before June 25, 2021
    - This will apply to the following competitions and age groups;
      - Skill Acquisition Program
      - Girls Skill Acquisition Program
      - Association Youth League
      - National Premier Leagues Boys Youth
      - National Premier Leagues 2 Boys Youth
      - National Premier Leagues Girls Youth
      - National Premier Leagues 2 Girls Youth
      - Girl's Conference League
  - v. FNSW is satisfied in its absolute discretion that exceptional circumstances exist, including if a player terminated his/hers Professional Player Contract for Just Cause.

## **9. Player Registration in the Case of Amalgamation of Clubs**

- a) Where an amalgamation/merger takes place between two Clubs, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
  - i. Professional Player registrations will be carried over to the new Club
  - ii. Amateur Player registrations will automatically cease and the Club will be required to re-register Amateur Players within the applicable squad maximums
  - iii. Should an amalgamation occur post the registration period, Football NSW will decide on a solution, in its absolute discretion, to be in the best interests of the competition
  - iv. All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club
  - v. All Suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club

## **10. Player Registration in the Case of Teams Withdrawing from Competition**

- a) When a Club is declared defunct by FNSW or is expelled from Membership of or Affiliation to FNSW, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
  - i. As from the date of the Club being declared defunct or expelled, the Professional Players of any such Club will be deemed to be registered with FNSW
  - ii. FNSW will have the same rights in respect of the Transfer of registration of all such Professional Players as such Clubs had until the date of the Club being declared defunct or expelled
  - iii. FNSW will determine the compensation (Transfer Fee) applicable for the Transfer of such registration, to the Club

which said Professional Player wishes to transfer. The fee will be set in accordance with the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (NRSTRs) and were relevant these Regulations

- b) The Transfer Fee in relation to such Transfers must be paid to FNSW and will, in order of priority, be distributed in the following manner;
  - i. To pay any outstanding monies owed to FNSW by the defunct or expelled Club
  - ii. To pay any outstanding monies owed to the Players of the defunct or expelled Club
  - iii. To pay any monies outstanding to any Member Club or Affiliated Club

## 11. Player Deregistration

- a) An Amateur Player may deregister by applying to deregister via the National Registration System, which will notify the Club and FNSW of the Player's intention to deregister
- b) If a Club no longer wants an Amateur Player to play for the Club, that Club must apply to deregister that Player via the National Registration system, which will notify the Player and FNSW of the Club's intention to deregister the Player
- c) In the case of Amateur Players, the deregistration is effective from the earlier:
  - i. When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification or cancellation; or
  - ii. Seven (7) days from the date the Player requested the deregistration via the National Registration System, unless a grievance has been initiated with FNSW in accordance with FNSW Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations and the Amateur Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations have been exhausted or terminated
- d) In the case of Professional Players, if the purported termination of a Professional Player contract is for just cause, the party wishing to terminate the contract must provide written notice to the other party specifying the reasons for the termination and copying FNSW (Termination Notice). If the Termination Notice is not disputed or if FNSW does not receive notification of a dispute in relation to the Termination Notice within seven (7) days of receipt of the Termination Notice, the Player's deregistration is effective from the expiration of those seven (7) days. If the other party initiates a grievance in respect of the purported termination with FA in accordance with FA's Grievance Resolution Regulations and FNSW is notified of same within seven (7) days of receipt of the Termination Notice, the Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations have been exhausted or terminated
- e) Any disputes relating to Player deregistration will be settled in accordance with the FA Grievance Resolution Guidelines and FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- f) In the case of Professional Players, if the purported termination of a Professional Player contract is for sporting just cause, the Player must, within seven (7) days after the last Match in which the Club participates in a Season give written notice to the Club (copied to FNSW) setting out the particulars of the sporting just cause. The Player's deregistration is effective from;
  - i. if, within seven (7) days of receipt of the Player's notice, the Club notifies the Player in writing that the Club consents to the termination of the Professional Player contract for sporting just cause (copied to FNSW), the date that FNSW receives the Club's notification; or
  - ii. if the Club does not consent to the purported termination and the Player disputes the Club's decision, the Player must issue a notice in accordance with the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations and the Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations have been exhausted or terminated LC

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## 12. Professional Player Disputes

- a) FNSW will recognise complaints made by Players against Clubs, or Clubs against Players, in regards to the terms and conditions as stipulated in a contract between them which has been lodged with FNSW
- b) A Professional Player or a Club will have the right to lodge a complaint in writing with FNSW in which either seeks a tribunal hearing concerning any disputes about a Player's contract and any matter arising out of it
- c) FNSW will only recognise complaints by Players against Clubs for monies in arrears for a period of not more than one (1) year from the date the complaint is lodged with FNSW
- d) If before the Tribunal, it is proved that a Club has failed to honour its contract with the Player then the Tribunal will provide the Club with fourteen (14) days to fulfil its obligations towards the Player
- e) If it is established by the Tribunal that monies are owed to a Player by the Club with whom he or she is registered such monies will be paid to FNSW within the fourteen (14) day period. FNSW will forward such payment to the Player(s) entitled to receive the monies
- f) If the Club fails to effect full payment of monies due to the Player within the fourteen (14) day prescribed period, the following action will be taken by FNSW:
  - i. Withdraw all administrative services from the offending Club
  - ii. The offending Club will not be permitted to register any further Players
  - iii. The offending Club will be sanctioned in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 13. Loan Players

- a) A Professional Player loan to a FNSW Club may only occur within the registration period
- b) Loans are only permitted for Professional Players between Professional Clubs
- c) A loan is subject to the same rules that apply to the transfer of a Player with the following additional rules;
  - i. The minimum period of a loan is the time between two (2) Registration periods
  - ii. Once accepted, a loan will continue in force until the expiry date of the period of the loan (unless it is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the loan or these Regulations)
  - iii. A Club that has accepted a Professional Player on a loan basis is not entitled to transfer that Professional to a third Club without the written authorisation of the Club that released the Professional on loan and the Professional
  - iv. On termination of the loan, the registration reverts immediately to the Club from which the registration was transferred
- d) Clubs may only receive three (3) Players on loan; however, there are no restrictions on the timing or the number of Players that can be loaned out by a Club
- e) To complete a loan, all three (3) parties concerned (the present Club, the Player and the loan Club) agree to a Player loan in the form of Prescribed Form NRR 06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player. A loan agreement in the form of a loan contract; Prescribed Form NRR 05 – Professional Player Contract must also be completed
- f) The loan of an international Player must occur within the relevant registration period and will require an International Transfer Certificate or an International Futsal Transfer Certificate (ITC)
- g) The loan of an interstate Player must occur within the relevant registration period and will require documentation in accordance with these Regulations

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## 14. International Transfer Certificate (ITC)

- a) This section applies to all Players whose last registration (current or otherwise) was either;
  - i. Held with an overseas Club, this is inclusive of players who are permanent residents or citizens of Australia.
  - ii. A child aged between 10 and 18, who is a foreign national, who is seeking to register with an Australian club, and this registration will be their first registration anywhere in the world;
  - iii. A child aged between 10 and 18, who is an Australian or a foreign national, who is seeking to register with an Australian club and their previous registration was with an overseas club.
- b) If a Player was previously registered with an International Club, FNSW & FA need to request an ITC from the National Association of that International Club. In accordance with FIFA Statutes, FNSW & FA is only able to request an ITC from another National Association during the Registration Periods for FA, as specified in FIFA TMS
- c) FNSW cannot make a player active in the National Registration System until the ITC is received. If FA does not receive a response to:
  - i. An ITC request made via FIFA TMS, then within seven (7) days of that request being made by FA, then the Player may immediately be registered on a provisional basis in accordance with FIFA Statutes
- d) All ITC and TMS requests must only be submitted once a player has finished their playing commitments overseas
- e) To be eligible to participate in Competition matches all requests must be lodged and ITC received by FNSW as per the ITC/TMS procedures relevant for your Football NSW Competition prior to the registration windows closing as set out in section 4 art. 7
- f) The Players must also be registered in the National Registration System with their status at "Pending ITC" and allocated into their correct team by the deadline set out in section 4 art. 7.
- g) It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that the relevant documentation required to obtain an ITC for a minor has been correctly submitted and until such time as an ITC has been received the player must not participate in any match. Email [itc@footballnsw.com.au](mailto:itc@footballnsw.com.au) for further information

## 15. Visa Players

- a) If a Player was previously registered with another National Association, the provisions of the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players must be complied with, including the receipt by FA of a valid ITC from that National Association
- b) If a Club wants to register a Visa Player as a Professional, that Club must ensure it meets all the legal requirements pertaining to the obtaining and maintaining of a valid visa or work permit for that Visa Player, including where applicable, a letter of endorsement from FA, the payment of any minimum salary and any sponsorship requirements
- c) These Regulations apply equally to Visa Players, including the submission of prescribed forms, registrations periods, Professional Player contracts and ITC's
- d) The maximum number of Visa Players for the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's Competitions are as defined in the Player Points System

## 16. Priority of Registration

- a) In the event of a Player signing registration forms for more than one Club, priority of registration will be accorded to the Club who earliest in time, all things being equal, obtained the Player's signature to a valid registration form
- b) If a Player has self-registered through the National Registration System, the registration which earliest in time is recorded in that system will be granted priority

- c) Any Player found to have wilfully registered or signed registration forms for more than one (1) Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a Player to register or sign a registration form with that Club in the knowledge that the Player has previously registered or signed a registration form with another Club, will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and will be liable to sanction by FNSW

## 17. Maximum Player Rosters

- a) Following are the maximum permissible Players for each League and grade. Contained in the table are the maximum permissible Professional Players allowed in each Team. All other Players must be registered as Amateur Players, failure to comply will result in a fine of \$500 per breach with FNSW reserving the right to add further sanctions per breach:

League	Grade	Squad Total	Max Pro Players
NPL NSW Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	20 of 40
NPL 2 NSW Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	20 of 40
NPL 3 NSW Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	20 of 40
NPL 4 Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	0
NPL NSW Youth	U18, U16, U15, U14, U13 individually	16	0
NPL 2 NSW Youth	U18, U16, U15, U14, U13 individually	16	0
NPL NSW Women's	1st grade & reserve grade combined	40	20 of 40
	U17, U15, U14 individually	16	0
NPL 2 NSW Women's	1st grade & reserve grade combined	40	20 of 40
	U17, U15, U14 individually	16	0
Football NSW Girls Conference	U17, U15, U14 individually	16	0
Football NSW Association Youth League	U16, U15, U14, U13 individually	16	0
Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program	Refer to Schedule 3		
Football NSW Girls Skill Acquisition Program	Refer to Schedule 4		

## 18. Maximum Loan Players

- a) A Club who in accordance with these Regulations is permitted to register Professional Players may register a maximum of three (3) Players on a loan basis during the Season

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## 19. Technical Director and Coach Registration

- a) Technical Directors
  - i. Appointment of a Technical Director in the NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL NSW Youth, NPL NSW Women's, NPL 2 NSW Women's and the Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program is mandatory
  - ii. All Technical directors are to be registered through the National Registration System
  - iii. If the Technical Director is employed by the Club on a full time contract, the Club is open to expand his / her role beyond the scope of the Technical Director (i.e. in administration, coaching additional teams, coaching in SAP etc), so long as his / her ability to perform the Technical Director role is not compromised
  - iv. If the Technical Director is employed on a part time basis, they are able to be registered to perform one of the following roles in addition to their role as the Club Technical Director;
    - a. Be registered to Coach one of the U13-U17 teams at the Club; or
    - b. Be Registered to the Technical Director role for the Club's SAP; or
    - c. Be registered to Coach one of the Club's SAP teams; or
    - d. Be registered as Head coach of any single grade + assistant coach of any single grade.
- b) Head Coaches
  - i. Appointment of individual head coaches to all grades of all Leagues is mandatory and all coaches are to be registered through the National Registration System
  - ii. Head coaches of any grade will be permitted to be registered to additionally coach in the following capacities within a Club:
    - a. Head coach of any single grade + coach of any single grade in SAP; or
    - b. Head coach of any single grade + Technical Director in SAP
  - iii. Where a coach's position is terminated from a mandatory role, as outlined in Section 4 art. 20 (pg.38) of the FNSW Competition Regulations, Clubs will be given a maximum of four (4) weeks to appoint a new, fully accredited coach failure to do so will result in a fine. The amount fined will be equal to the cost of the required coaching course(s) for the position that is vacant.
- c) Assistant Coaches and Goalkeeper Coaches
  - i. Appointment of assistant coaches and goal keeper coaches to all Leagues is optional. Should either be appointed they must meet the relevant minimum standard and be registered on the National Registration System
- d) All Coaches must be registered through the National Registration System by close of business **Friday, 26 February 2021**. Failure to comply with this or other minimum coaching accreditation will result in a fine to the club as detailed in Section 4 art. 20 b)
- e) All Clubs must ensure that their Coaching Roster details are kept up to date and any changes must be communicated via email to the Football NSW Competitions Department withing 7 days of any change occurring (e.g coach termination, update in accreditation, submission of PBTR Certificates etc.)

## 20. Minimum Coaching Qualifications

- a) Following are the minimum coaching qualifications required by Coaches for each respective League and grade of the Competitions:

b) Please click the following link for that outlines the Minimum Coaching Qualifications, the procedure associated with registration of coaches and the associated fines for a breach in the Minimum Coaching Qualifications:

- [Minimum Coaching Qualifications - Click here](#)

## 21. Medical Coverage

- a) Clubs will be required to provide medical coverage to Players on match days in compliance with the minimum standards contained in the following table
- b) Clubs will not be required to appoint separate individuals to each grade within a League. The requirement is to ensure adequate medical coverage is provided, which by way of example, could be provided by a “team” of sports trainers shared across all grades at a Club
- c) All sports trainers and physiotherapists must be registered with FNSW through the National Registration System
- d) Failure to comply with this article will result in a fine of \$50 per breach
- e) Minimum standards for the National Premier Leagues NSW Men’s, National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men’s, National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men’s and National Premier Leagues 4 NSW Men’s are:

League	2021	2022
<b>NPL NSW Men’s &amp; NPL 2 NSW Men’s</b>		
1st Grade	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist
U20	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
<b>NPL 3 NSW Men’s</b>		
1st Grade, U20	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
<b>NPL 4 NSW Men’s</b>		
1st Grade, U20	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer

f) NPL NSW Youth, NPL 2 NSW Youth and Association Youth League

League	2021	2022
<b>NPL NSW Youth &amp; NPL 2 NSW Youth</b>		
U18, U16, U15, U14, U13	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer
<b>Association Youth League</b>		
U18, U16, U15, U14, U13	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer

g) NPL NSW Women’s, NPL 2 NSW Women’s and Football NSW Girls Conference League

League	2021	2022
<b>NPL NSW Women’s &amp; NPL 2 NSW Women’s</b>		
1st Grade	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist
Reserve Grade	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
U17, U15, & U14	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer
<b>Football NSW Girls Conference League</b>		
U17, U15 & U14	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer

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## 22. Player Gate Entry Passes

- a) Players registered to 1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U20 competitions at which Clubs are permitted to charge a fee for entry to the Stadium will be issued a Player's gate entry pass
- b) A Player's gate entry pass affords the Player complimentary entry to the Match in which their Team is competing

## 23. Coach and Team Official Identity Passes

- a) All registered Coaches and Team Officials will be issued Identity Passes
- b) Identity Passes afford the Coach or Team Official complimentary entry to any Match in which their Club is competing
- c) Only registered Coaches and Team Officials in receipt of their official FNSW Identity Pass will be permitted to participate in any approved FNSW Match
- d) Coaches and Team Officials that do not have a FNSW Identity Pass with them at any Match will not be permitted onto the field of play nor permitted to sit in the technical area / team bench
- e) Only the Official FNSW Identity Pass embossed with the correct year of Competition will be eligible for use in that Season
- f) From the time of entry to the venue, Coaches and Team Officials are required to have their Identity Pass clearly displayed on a lanyard on the outside of their clothing
- g) Prior to kick-off the 4th Official, or should a 4th Official not be appointed the Referee, is required to check the benches of both Teams and request any non-playing individual without an Identity Pass to leave the bench. Should the individual refuse the Match will immediately be forfeited to the Team that has not breached the Regulation. Any individual that causes a forfeiture in this regard may be further sanctioned pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- h) Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in a fine to the Club of \$250

## 24. Approval to Play in Other Competitions

- a) Clubs will not play, or be involved in, or give approval for any Player and/or official to participate in any other competitions unless they have first received the approval of the Executive
- b) Registered Players, Amateurs or Professionals, will not play or be involved in any other competitions unless that competition has first received the approval of FNSW. Any Club or Player found to be playing in an unauthorised competition will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and may be dealt with pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- c) In applying the principle of no dual registration as defined by FIFA and elaborated by FA, Players competing in competitions not recognised or approved by FNSW may be deemed "registered" and as such not be eligible for registration to Teams participating in FNSW Competitions.



# Section 5: Ticketing, Distribution, Prize Money and Awards

## 1. Ticketed Leagues

- a) Tickets may only be sold for attendance at the following Leagues and grades:
  - i. 1st Grade and U20 of the NPL NSW Men's
  - ii. 1st Grade and U20 of the NPL 2 NSW Men's
  - iii. 1st Grade and U20 of the NPL 3 NSW Men's
  - iv. 1st Grade and Reserve Grade of the NPL NSW Women's
  - v. 1st Grade and Reserve Grade of the NPL 2 NSW Women's
  - vi. Waratah Cup
  - vii. FA Cup Preliminary Rounds
- b) Breach of this regulation will result in a fine of \$500

## 2. Ticket Operations

- a) Sale of tickets in the NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's, NPL NSW Women's & NPL 2 NSW Women's cannot commence until 15 minutes after the kick-off of the Match prior to the U20 / reserve grade Match.
- b) As Waratah Cup Matches are 1st grade only, sale of tickets can commence from two (2) hours before the schedule kick-off time

## 3. Ticket Prices

- a) Following are the maximum ticket prices that Clubs may charge for entry to Matches;

League	Grade	Adult	Student/ Concession
NPL NSW Men's	1st Grade and U20	\$15	\$10
NPL NSW Men's Grand Final (Early Bird)	1st Grade and U20	\$15	\$10
NPL NSW Men's Grand Final	1st Grade and U20	\$20	\$15
NPL 2 NSW Men's	1st Grade and U20	\$10	\$5
NPL 3 NSW Men's	1st Grade and U20	\$5	\$3
Waratah Cup (Early Bird Cup Final Only)	1st Grade	\$10	\$5
Waratah Cup (Cup Final Only)	1st Grade	\$15	\$10
FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds	Round 3	\$5	\$3
	Round 4-7	\$10	\$5
NPL NSW Women's	1st Grade and Res	\$10	\$5

- b) Attendance for all children under the age of 16 will be free.

## 4. Prize Money

- a) Prize money for 1st Grade Premiers and Champions is applicable to the following Leagues;
  - i. NPL NSW Men's
  - ii. NPL 2 NSW Men's
  - iii. NPL 3 NSW Men's

- iv. NPL 4 NSW Men's
  - v. NPL NSW Women's
  - vi. NPL 2 NSW Women's
- b) Notification of applicable Prize money will be communicated to Clubs in each respective League by FNSW

## **5. Gate Monies in Connection with the Replay of Postponed or Abandoned or Incomplete Fixtures**

- a) If the gate money was not taken on the date originally fixed for the Match, or if gate money was taken and the Match was not commenced and the gate money was returned to the spectators or pass-out checks given for a subsequent Match, the visiting Club will play the rescheduled Match without charge to the Home Club
- b) If gate money was taken at the first Match and retained, then out of the gate money taken at such second Match, the Home Club will pay the travelling and other expenses of the visiting Club

## **6. Distribution - Championship Matches other than the Grand Final**

- a) The net proceeds of the Championship Matches other than the Grand Final, should the Matches be conducted individually, will be divided by the competing 1st grade Clubs and FNSW in the following proportions;
  - i. 50% to each competing Club in the 1st grade Match
- b) The net proceeds of the Championship Matches other than the Grand Final, should any number of the Matches be conducted at the same venue on the same day, will be divided by the competing 1st Grade Clubs in the following proportions;
  - i. Split evenly between each of the competing 1st grade Clubs

## **7. Distribution - Championship Grand Final**

- a) The net proceeds from the Grand Finals will be divided by the competing Clubs in 1st grade and FNSW in the following proportions:
  - i. 60% to the winning Team
  - ii. 40% to the losing Team

## **8. Applicable Leagues for Championship Gate Distribution**

- a) Gate distribution will only be applicable to Championship matches of the NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's, NPL NSW Women's, NPL 2 NSW Women's, should FNSW charge entry to those matches

## **9. Distribution - Cup Ties**

- a) Pre-Season Cup:
  - i. In cup ties organised by FNSW, the net gate for all Matches up to but not including the Grand Final, will be retained by the host Club
- b) Other Cup Matches;
  - i. In cup ties organised by FNSW, the net gate for all Matches up to but not including the Grand Final will be retained by the host Club

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## 10. Distribution – Cup Finals

- a) Pre-Season Cup;
- b) The net proceeds from the Grand Final will be divided by the competing Clubs in 1st Grade and FNSW in the following proportions:
  - i. 33.3 % to FNSW;
  - ii. 60% of the balance to the winning Team; and
  - iii. 40% of the balance to the losing Team.
- c) Other Cup Matches;
  - i. All net proceeds from the Grand Final will be retained by FNSW. Prize money dependent on qualification through the Waratah Cup will be communicated by FNSW to the Teams prior to the competition commencing

## 11. Trophies, Medals and Shields

FNSW will present the following medals, trophies and shields:

- a) Premiership and Championship Winners:
  - i. Perpetual trophy for 1st Grade, Reserves, & U20s grades
  - ii. Replica trophy for all grades
  - iii. 25 medals for all Men's and Women's 1st Grade, Reserve Grade and U20 Teams
  - iv. 20 medals for all other applicable male and female age grades
  - v. Any requests for medals above the allocated number may be purchased at a cost to the club
- b) Championship Runners-up:
  - i. 25 medals for all Men's and Women's 1st Grade, Reserve Grade and U20 Teams
  - ii. 20 Medals for all other applicable male and female age grades
  - iii. Any requests for medals above the allocated number may be purchased at a cost to the club
- c) Club Championship Winners: Perpetual shield for the following Leagues:
  - i. NPL NSW Men's
  - ii. NPL 2 NSW Men's
  - iii. NPL 3 NSW Men's
  - iv. NPL 4 NSW Men's
  - v. NPL NSW Women's
  - vi. NPL 2 NSW Women's
- d) Fair Play Award Perpetual Shield for the following Leagues:
  - i. NPL NSW Men's
  - ii. NPL 2 NSW Men's
  - iii. NPL 3 NSW Men's
  - iv. NPL 4 NSW Men's

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- v. NPL Women's
- vi. NPL 2 Women's
- e) Player of the Year Trophy for the following Leagues:
- i. NPL NSW Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- To be eligible for the U20 award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- ii. NPL 2 NSW Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- To be eligible for the U20 award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- iii. NPL 3 NSW Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- To be eligible for the U20 award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- iv. NPL 4 NSW Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- To be eligible for the U20 award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- v. NPL NSW Women's (1st Grade and Reserve Grade)
- vi. NPL 2 NSW Women's (1st Grade and Reserve Grade)
- f) Golden Boot, Goal Keeper of the Year and Coach of the Year Trophies for the following leagues:
- i. NPL NSW Men's (excluding U20 Coach of the Year)
- To be eligible for the U20 Gold Boot and Goal Keeper of the year award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- ii. NPL 2 NSW Men's (excluding U20 Coach of the Year)
- To be eligible for the U20 Gold Boot and Goal Keeper of the year award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- iii. NPL 3 NSW Men's (excluding U20 Coach of the Year)
- To be eligible for the U20 Gold Boot and Goal Keeper of the year award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- iv. NPL 4 NSW Men's excluding U20 and Reserve Grade Coach of the Year)
- To be eligible for the U20 Gold Boot and Goal Keeper of the year award, a player must be born in 2001 or later
- v. NPL NSW Women's (excluding Reserve Grade Coach of the Year)
- vi. NPL 2 NSW Women's (excluding Reserve Grade Coach of the Year)
- g) Club Awards:
- i. FNSW may from time to time recognise Club Officials from any League with awards in any form approved by the Executive
- h) Referee of the Year:
- FNSW will award a Referee of the year for each of the following Leagues;
- i. NPL NSW Men's and Women's (Gold Medal Dinner)

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- ii. Football NSW NPL (Silver Medal Dinner)
  - i) Additional Awards:
    - i. FNSW may from time to time recognise individuals for their accomplishment or service to football in a manner approved by the Executive
  - j) Cup Competitions:
    - i. Medals and Trophies will be determined dependent on FNSW conducting the relevant cup Competitions
    - ii. Should FNSW conduct the Waratah Cup the Perpetual Trophy, a replica Trophy, and 25 Medals will be presented to the Champion Team only

## **12. Perpetual Trophy Ownership**

- a) All perpetual trophies / shields remain the property of FNSW
- b) FNSW will retain possession of the perpetual trophy / shield immediately following the prize giving ceremony
- c) Should a perpetual trophy / shield be lost or damaged whilst under the care or custody of a Club, the latter shall refund to FNSW the cost of thorough repair or replacement in addition to any other penalty which FNSW may impose.

# Section 6: Team Sheets, Reporting and Match Officials

## 1. Match Official Appointments

- a) The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by FNSW, who may utilise such other persons as deemed necessary to assist in the carrying out of this responsibility

## 2. Match Official Powers, Duties and Obligations

- a) The Match Officials are charged with all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the FIFA laws of the game
- b) Unless otherwise stated, the Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast
- c) If the Referee finds it necessary to stop play for whatever reason, he / she should wait a reasonable time before deciding to abandon the Match
- d) Referees may abandon, postpone or forfeit a Match in accordance with any relevant articles of these Regulations
- e) In addition, Referees are required to, immediately after the conclusion of each Match, forward to FNSW send-off reports and incident reports if the latter is deemed necessary
- f) Referee Assessors will submit to FNSW a report on the performance of the Referee within two (2) days of the conclusion of the match, should one be appointed to the match

## 3. Welfare of the Match Officials

- a) The Home Club will be solely responsible for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the Stadium, until the time they depart the Stadium. Failure to carry out this requirement may result in a sanction as per to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 4. Match Officials Fees

- a) FNSW, prior to the commencement of a Competition, will communicate to all Clubs and relevant Referees bodies the approved Match Officials fees for that particular Season. These fees will come into effect immediately
- b) At cup Fixtures payment of the Match Officials Fees process will be communicated prior to the commencement of the competition by FNSW
- c) Match Officials Fees for Premiership Matches for the following Competitions will be paid directly to the Match Officials by FNSW as per the FNSW Competitions Club Entry Fees Circular:

League	Grades
National Premier Leagues NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues 4 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20
National Premier Leagues NSW Women's	1st Grade, Reserve Grade
National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Women's	1st Grade, Reserve Grade

- d) Match Officials Fees for all other Premiership Matches in all other Leagues will be paid directly to the Match Officials on the day of the Match by the Home Team (Team appearing first on the Match Schedule), unless otherwise communicated to Clubs prior to the Season commencing
- e) Match Officials fees for all Championship Matches in all Leagues will be paid directly by FNSW to the Referees

- f) In the case of forfeits and abandonments, Match Officials fees will still be due and payable by the Team that caused the forfeit or abandonment, except that where Matches are abandoned or postponed by the Referee through no fault of either Team
- g) For Match Officials Fees for Matches abandoned once commenced due to the fault of neither Team, an invoice claim to FNSW will be required to be submitted by the Match Officials. The Home Club will not be responsible for these Match Officials fees
- h) Compensation to Match Officials will be paid for attendance at Matches which are not conducted on the following grounds:
- i. Match Officials that attend the Stadium and a Match is abandoned or postponed prior to kick-off due to unplayable conditions, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the table below
  - ii. Match Officials that attend the stadium to find the Match cancelled without being notified by FNSW, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the table below
  - iii. Match Officials that attend a Match on the wrong day, incorrect Stadium and/or kick-off time due to a FNSW clerical error, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the table below
  - iv. Match Officials that attend the Stadium to find one Club has forfeited, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the Table below. FNSW will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs
  - v. Match Officials attend the Stadium to find a Club has called off the Match without notifying the Match Officials or FNSW, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the Table below. FNSW will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs
  - vi. The following table sets out the level of compensation for Match Officials:

Age Grade	Level of Compensation per Match Official
1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U20	\$50
U18 to U13	\$25

## 5. Match Official Travel Allowance

- a) Match Officials (excluding Match Commissioners) appointed to Competition Fixtures that require travel outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area will be entitled to a travel allowance, paid by FNSW as follows:
- i. Sydney Match officials will be entitled to a travel allowance when travelling to the Central Coast (\$30), Wollongong (\$30) Nowra (\$60) and Bathurst / Mudgee (\$60)
  - ii. Match officials who reside at the Central Coast and Wollongong and travel to Sydney will receive (\$30). Match Officials residing distances further then these regions will receive (\$60)

## 6. Non-payment of Match Officials Fees

- a) Clubs who fail to pay the Match Officials where cash payment is required on the day will be fined \$100

## 7. Attendance of Match Officials

- a) Match officials appointed to Matches must be at the Stadium by half time of the preceding Match. Where there is only one Match, or the Match is the first of the day, the Match Officials will be in attendance at least 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time

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## 8. Non-attendance of Match Officials

- a) Should appointed Match Officials not be in attendance by the scheduled time, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to provide Match Officials. The appointee must control the whole Match, except that a suitably qualified and identified Match Official, in uniform, from either side will take precedence over an unqualified person from the Home Club.
- b) The article above applies only to the following leagues;
  - i. NPL NSW Boys Youth – U16 to U13
  - ii. NPL 2 NSW Boys Youth – U16 to U13
  - iii. NPL NSW Girls – U17 to U14
  - iv. NPL 2 NSW Girls – U17 to U14
  - v. Football NSW Girls Conference League – U17 to U14
  - vi. Football NSW Association Youth League – U16 to U13
- c) Matches in all other grades (except SAP & Girls SAP) cannot commence unless a qualified Match Official, appointed by FNSW, is officiating
- d) If a Referee fails to honour his / her appointment the 4th Official, or in the absence of a 4th Official the most senior Assistant Referee, shall take his / her place. In this case the home and visiting Teams are required to supply a replacement “Assistant Referee” for alternate halves
- e) Unless otherwise stated, Clubs are required to fulfil all Fixtures regardless of the attendance of Match Officials or not. Failure to fulfil any Fixture may result in sanction as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 9. Team Sheets

- a) All team sheets for all matches are to be completed online via SportsTG
- b) The Away Team must make their player selection in SportsTG by 2:00pm on the Friday prior to the scheduled weekend Fixture, or 2:00pm the day prior to a midweek Fixture. Failure to comply will result in a \$25 fine
- c) Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in SportsTG. This information appears automatically next to the Players name on the team sheet.
- d) The Home Club will be responsible for printing and providing team sheets, from SportsTG, on Match day, the team listed as the away Club will be required to complete the team sheet first and hand it to the home club to complete second. The home Club is required to hand it to the referee’s at least 30 minutes prior to kick off
- e) Failure of the Home Club to provide printed team sheets on Match day will result in a fine of \$50 per team sheet
- f) Any changes to the Player selections post the Friday deadline must be manually noted on the printed copy of the team sheet
- g) Changes to the team sheet will be permitted any time until ten (10) minutes prior to kick-off, at which point the following will apply:
  - i. Should a listed starting Player be removed from the starting line-up, that Player may only be replaced by a Player listed as a substitute on the team sheet. The former starting Player may then be listed as a replacement. However, no other player may be added to the team sheet to replace the former substitute Player.
  - ii. Should a listed substitute Player be removed from the team sheet, the team will not be permitted to name another Player in his/her place, and the number of available substitutes will be decreased by one (1)



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- h) The numbers on the back of the Player's jerseys will correspond to the numbers on the team sheet handed to the Referee before the commencement of a Match. There must be no change of numbers from ten (10) minutes prior to or during a Match (this includes goalkeepers)
- i) A maximum of sixteen (16) Players only may be listed on the team sheet, if it is deemed that the team played more than 16 players, the team will forfeit the match
- j) All grades team sheets, signed by the respective Team Officials, must be emailed by the Home Club to email address: [matchreports@footballnsw.com.au](mailto:matchreports@footballnsw.com.au) and Away Club Contact to arrive no later than 5:00pm Monday following the weekend's Match, or 24 hours following a mid-week Match. If FNSW does not receive the Team Sheets as specified above, the Home Team will be fined for failing to submit their team sheets on time (\$10 per team sheet)
- k) Where a team sheet is not provided to Football NSW (i.e. has been lost), in accordance with 9 l), the Home Club is deemed to have forfeited the match.
- l) When a Match is forfeited, the team sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the Referee
- m) A Team Official from both the home and away Club is to sign the team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information is correct, including the Players listed, Match Officials listed, stood down Player's listed, half time and full time scores are correct
- n) Each Team must nominate three (3) jacketed officials whose names are to be written on the team sheet
- o) Clubs must indicate all up-graded and over-age Players on the team sheet by marking the registered grade against all up-graded and over-age Players
- p) Regardless of the Competitions, No player is permitted to be listed on more than two (2) team sheets on any match day, Goal Keepers are the exemption to the rule.
- q) Unless otherwise stated in the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, or in these Regulations, a Player listed on the team sheet in a match that involves the interchange regulation (section 2 art.20) will be deemed to have participated in the Match
- r) A Club who fails to list a player as stood down on the team sheet will be fined \$100, if that player does not appear on the team sheet that player will be deemed as stood down providing the player meets the registration requirements.
- s) The Home Club Team appears first on the team sheet (left side)
- t) If a player who is registered in accordance with these regulations is not listed on the team sheet prior to the match and then participates in the match, the following shall apply:
- The Club will be fined \$250 for the first breach
  - The Team will forfeit the match for the second breach and also be fined \$500;
  - Any further breaches in this article will require the Club to show cause as to why the Team should not be expelled from the Competition, and the Team involved shall, forfeit the match in question and be fined \$500
- u) Clerical errors by either Team on the team sheet will result in a fine of \$50 per error. Clerical errors include, but are not limited to, failing to endorse over-age and up-graded players, duplicate shirt numbers, incorrect shirt numbers and failing to sign a team sheet

## 10. Result of Match

- a) Once FNSW declares the result of a Match or Competition after the conclusion of that Match or Competition then that result will stand. Managers are to sign the team sheet at the end of the Match signifying that all details are correct. There will be no appeal against the score line shown on a team sheet once it is received by FNSW

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## 11. Match Result Reporting

- a) For all premierships and Championship matches the home team is responsible for entering the half time and full time results of the match/s online into SportsTG no later than 45 minutes following the conclusion of the Match.
- b) Each Club is responsible for entering their player match statistics into SportsTG within 24 hours of the match. Player statistics include the following:
  - i. Goal Scorers – for 1st Grade, Reserve Grade and U20's Competitions only. No other age grade will be permitted to enter goal scorers
  - ii. Cautions (Yellow Cards)
  - iii. Expulsions (Red Cards)
- c) Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in a fine of \$100 per breach

## 12. Caution and Result Reporting

- a) Expulsion and Caution reporting is as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 13. Caution and Expulsion Fines

- a) Clubs will receive the following automatic fines for cautions and expulsions received by their players in the Competitions for 1st grade, reserve grade and U20s;
  - i. Player's first caution of the Season - \$10 per Player
  - ii. Player's subsequent caution of the Season - \$30 per Player
  - iii. When five (5) or more Players from the same Team are cautioned in the same match - \$100 in addition to the individual caution fines
  - iv. Player expelled from the field of play - \$60 per Player
  - v. When three (3) or more Players from the same team are expelled in the same Match - \$150 in addition to the individual expulsion fines
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, these fines are payable in addition to any sanctions imposed against Clubs or their Players pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

# Schedule 1: Additional Rules Football NSW Institute and Emerging Jets

## 1. Scope and Interpretation

- Schedule 1 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to FNSWI Institute (FNSWI) and Emerging Jets teams participating in the Competitions
- Schedule 1 is specific to the FNSWI and Emerging Jets only

## 2. Admission

- The Executive may from time to time permit the registration of FNSWI/Emerging Jets players for the purpose of participating in any Competition
- The Board may from time to time admit FNSWI Teams to participate in any Competition
- FNSWI/Emerging Jets Teams will be subject to the admission and application criteria as per the Regulations, except where granted an exception by the Executive

## 3. Fees, Charges and Fines

- FNSWI/Emerging Jets Players, Coaches and officials will be liable for the same fees, charges and fines applicable to the Competitions in which they compete / participate

## 4. Age Eligibility

- The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age grades of the Competitions. Players must be within these ranges in order to be eligible for registration:

FNSW Competition Age Grade		FNSW Institute		Emerging Jets	
U14	Players born in 2007	U13	Players born in 2008 or after	U13	Players born in 2008 or after
U15	Players born in 2006	U14	Players born in 2007 or after	U14	Players born in 2007 or after
U17	Players born in 2004	U15	Players born in 2006 or after	U16	Players born in 2005 or after
Res Grade	No Restriction	U16/U17	Players born in 2004 - 2006 or after	U18	Players born in 2003 or after
1st Grade	No Restriction	U17/U18	Players born in 2003 - 2005 or after	U20	Players born in 2001 or after

- The Executive may from time to time permit the registration of FNSWI/Emerging Jets players for the purpose of participating in any age grade

## 5. Championship Matches

- FNSWI/Emerging Jets teams entered into FNSW Competitions will be eligible to compete in Championship Matches

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## 6. Club Championship

- a) Results from Matches in which FNSWI/Emerging Jets Teams compete will not count towards the Club Championship for any League. This includes all points and goals scored or conceded in matches participated in by FNSWI/Emerging Jets teams
- b) FNSWI/Emerging Jets Teams will not be eligible to obtain any points toward, or be eligible to win, the Club Championship for any League

## 7. Prize Money

- a) Should a FNSWI/Emerging Jets Team participate in a League that awards prize money, the FNSWI/ Emerging Jets team will not be eligible to be awarded that prize money.
- b) Should this scenario be possible, FNSW will determine an alternate mechanism to distribute the prize money. This mechanism will be circulated in the annual correspondence communicated the scale of prize money for each Competition

# Schedule 2: Additional Rules – Association Youth League

## 1. Scope and Application

- a) Schedule 2 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Association Youth League Competition
- b) Schedule 2 is specific to the Association Youth League Competition only

## 2. Teams

- a) The number of teams and composition of teams will be as per the declaration of leagues and structure document issued by Football NSW

## 3. Eligible players and Registration

- a) In order to be eligible, Players must meet the age restrictions and not already be registered to a Club
- b) Association Youth League
  - i. Teams in the Association Youth League will be permitted to register players that reside within the registered State Titles boundaries in which their Association falls (i.e Macarthur Association falls within Metropolitan South).
- c) Additionally, a player who fits within the following categories is eligible to participate in a Association Youth League program conducted by a particular licensee in 2021 even if that player lives outside the applicable geographic area:
  - i. If a player was registered with an Association team in the Association Youth League Competition in 2020
  - ii. If a player was registered with a club within the Association in 2020
- d) FNSW may provide exemptions for players to participate out of area should they believe there is genuine merit in the application. The exemptions will remain valid for the duration of the player's participation in the Association Youth League Competition unless their circumstances supporting the exemption change or they seek to change Clubs
- e) The State Titles Boundaries are

State Titles Region	Comprised of
Met North	North West Sydney Football, Manly Warringah FA
Met South	Bankstown District AFA, Macarthur FA, Southern Districts SFA
Met West	Blacktown District SFA, Granville & District SFA, Nepean District SFA
Met East	Canterbury District SFA, Eastern Suburbs FA, St George FA
Met Far North	Central Coast Football, Northern Suburbs FA
Met Far South	Football South Coast, Sutherland Shire FA
Riverina	Griffith & District AFA, South West Slopes FA, Football Albury Wodonga, Wagga Wagga & District FA
Southern	Eurobodalla FA, Far South Coast FA, Highlands FA, Shoalhaven District FA, Southern Tablelands FA
Western	Dubbo & District FA, Lachlan AFA, Orange & District FA, Western Plains FA, Lithgow FA, Bathurst FA

## 4. League Tables and Points – Premiership

- a) League tables and points for Association Youth League will be determined in accordance with Section 2 Technical Regulations, article 10. Premiership Ranking and article 14. Competition Points

# Schedule 3: Additional Rules – Skill Acquisition Program

## 1. Scope and Application

- a) Schedule 3 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Skill Acquisition Program (SAP) participating in Competitions
- b) Schedule 3 is specific to SAP only

## 2. Registration and Eligibility

- a) All players in the 2021 SAP must be registered on the National Registration System
- b) 2021 SAP licensees will only be permitted to register players from the FNSW State Titles Boundaries in which the Licensee's home ground is located
  - i. Clubs may be required to provide evidence of a player's residential address to the satisfaction of Football NSW
- c) Additionally, a child who fits within the following categories is eligible to participate in a SAP program conducted by a particular licensee in 2021 even if that child lives outside the applicable geographic area:
  - i. A child of a person who is a Life Member of the licensee or had been for at least 10 years a combination of any of the following: a registered player at the licensee or a director of the licensee or a member of the Management Committee (or similar committee in the event of there not being a Management Committee) of the licensee
- d) FNSW may provide exemptions for players to participate out of area should they believe there is genuine merit in the application. The exemptions will remain valid for the duration of the player's participation in SAP unless their circumstances supporting the exemption change or they seek to change Clubs
- e) The State titles boundaries are:

State Titles Region	Comprised of
Met North	North West Sydney Football, Manly Warringah FA
Met South	Bankstown District AFA, Macarthur FA, Southern Districts SFA
Met West	Blacktown District SFA, Granville & District SFA, Nepean District SFA
Met East	Canterbury District SFA, Eastern Suburbs FA, St George FA
Met Far North	Central Coast Football, Northern Suburbs FA
Met Far South	Football South Coast, Sutherland Shire FA
Riverina	Griffith & District AFA, South West Slopes FA, Football Albury Wodonga, Wagga Wagga & District FA
Southern	Eurobodalla FA, Far South Coast FA, Highlands FA, Shoalhaven District FA, Southern Tablelands FA
Western	Dubbo & District FA, Lachlan AFA, Orange & District FA, Western Plains FA, Lithgow FA, Bathurst FA

- f) Breaches of the eligibility criteria will result in a fine to the licensee of \$2,000 per breach

## 3. Players Per Team

- a) Permissible players per team are identified in the following table:

Age Group	Field Players	Substitutes	Licensee Squad Totals
U9	7	3	20 (16 boys + 4 girls)
U10	9	3	24 (20 boys + 4 girls)
U11	9	3	24 (20 boys + 4 girls)
U12	9	3	24 (20 boys + 4 girls)

- b) Licensees may elect to select more than 2 girls per team. This will result in a proportionate decrease in the number of boys selected to comply with the maximum team player number
- c) For clarity, licensees can only register the maximum number of boys identified in the table above; they cannot replace girls' registrations with boys' registrations
- d) Breaches of the permissible players per team criteria will result in a fine to the licensee of \$2,000 per breach

#### 4. Match Format

- a) SAP match formats will reflect the MiniRoos guidelines. These formations provide a logical progression to the 1-4-3-3 National Curriculum preferred formation which will be implemented in the U13 – U16 age groups of the NPL NSW Boys Youth and NPL NSW Girls Youth competitions respectively

Age Group	Players per Team	Recommended Formation
U9	7 v 7	1-3-3
U10, U11, U12	9 v 9	1-3-2-3

- b) Matches will be scheduled over four (4) time slots, as follows:

Match Slot	Half Field A	Half Field B
1	U9 match 1	U10 match 1
2	U9 match 2	U10 match 2
3	U11 match 1	U12 match 1
4	U11 match 2	U12 match 2

#### 5. League Tables and Points

- a) Consistent with the MiniRoos guidelines, league tables will not be kept during the game phase of the 2021 SAP
- b) Similarly, points will not be attributed to the result of any match in the SAP game phase

#### 6. Matches

- a) There will be no Championship Matches at the conclusion of the SAP 2021 game phase

#### 7. Match Officials

- a) The 2021 SAP will implement the Game Leader model as identified in the MiniRoos guidelines
- b) It is each licensee's responsibility to appoint Game Leaders to their home SAP matches
- c) For clarity, a Game Leader can be either:
  - i. club official;
  - ii. capable parent;
  - iii. older child or player; or
  - iv. beginner referee.

# Schedule 4: Additional Rules – Girls Skill Acquisition Program

## 1. Scope and Application

- a) Schedule 4 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Girls Skill Acquisition Program (Girls SAP) participating in Competitions
- b) Schedule 4 is specific to Girls SAP only

## 2. Registration and Eligibility

- a) All players in the 2021 Girls SAP must be registered on the National Registration System
- b) All players participating in part time Girls SAP program will be required to register with a local community football Club in the region which the Girls SAP Club is located in and register with a Girls SAP Club/Association.
- c) 2021 Girls SAP licensees will only be permitted to register players from the FNSW State Titles Boundaries in which the Licensee’s home ground is located
  - i. Clubs may be requested to provide documentation in support of the player’s residential address. This documentation can be in any form from time to time as defined by Football NSW
- d) Additionally, a child who fits within the following categories is eligible to participate in a Girls SAP conducted by a particular licensee in 2021 even if that child lives outside the applicable geographic area:
  - i. A child who was a registered player in the Clubs Girls Supplementary SAP for season 2018; and
  - ii. A child of a person who is a Life Member of the licensee or had been for at least 10 years a combination of any of the following: a registered player at the licensee or a director of the licensee or a member of the Management Committee (or similar committee in the event of there not being a Management Committee) of the licensee
- e) FNSW may provide exemptions for players to participate out of area should they believe there is genuine merit in the application. The exemptions will remain valid for the duration of the player’s participation in Girls SAP unless their circumstances supporting the exemption change or they seek to change Clubs
- f) The State titles boundaries are:

State Titles Region	Comprised of
Met North	North West Sydney Football, Manly Warringah FA
Met South	Bankstown District AFA, Macarthur FA, Southern Districts SFA
Met West	Blacktown District SFA, Granville & District SFA, Nepean District SFA
Met East	Canterbury District SFA, Eastern Suburbs FA, St George FA
Met Far North	Central Coast Football, Northern Suburbs FA
Met Far South	Football South Coast, Sutherland Shire FA
Riverina	Griffith & District AFA, South West Slopes FA, Football Albury Wodonga, Wagga Wagga & District FA
Southern	Eurobodalla FA, Far South Coast FA, Highlands FA, Shoalhaven District FA, Southern Tablelands FA
Western	Dubbo & District FA, Lachlan AFA, Orange & District FA, Western Plains FA, Lithgow FA, Bathurst FA

- f) Breaches of the eligibility criteria will result in a fine to the licensee of \$2,000 per breach



### 3. Players Per Team

- a) Permissible players per team are identified in the following table:

Age Group	Field Players	Substitutes	Team Total	Licensee Squad Totals
U10	9	3-5	12-14	12-14
U11	9	3-5	12-14	12-14
U12	9	3-5	12-14	12-14
U13	10	3-5	13-15	13-15

### 4. Match Format

- a) Girls SAP match formats will reflect the MiniRoos guidelines. These formations provide a logical progression to the 1-4-3-3 National Curriculum preferred formation which will be implemented in the U13 – U16 and U14 – U17 age groups of the National Premier Leagues NSW Boys Youth and Girls Youth competitions respectively

Age Group	Players per Team	Formation
U10, U11, U12	9 v 9	1-3-2-3
U13	10 v 10	1-3-3-3 or 1-4-2-3

- b) Matches will be scheduled over two (2) time slots, as follows:

Match Slot	Age Grade
1	U10, U11
2	U12
2	U13

### 5. League Tables and Points

- a) Consistent with the MiniRoos guidelines, league tables will not be kept during the game phase of the 2021 Girls SAP
- b) Similarly, points will not be attributed to the result of any match in the SAP game phase

### 6. Matches

- a) There will be no Championship Matches at the conclusion of the 2021 Girls SAP game phase

### 7. Match Officials

- a) The 2021 Girls SAP will implement the Game Leader model as identified in the MiniRoos guidelines
- b) It is each licensee's responsibility to appoint Game Leaders to their home Girls SAP matches
- c) For clarity, a Game Leader can be either:
- club official;
  - capable parent;
  - older child or player; or
  - beginner referee.





# Schedule 7: Mean Height Charts For SAP and Girls SAP Only

**Table 7. Height in centimeters for children and adolescents aged 2–19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007–2010**

Sex and age <sup>1</sup>	Number of examined persons	Mean	Standard error of the mean	Percentile								
				5th	10th	15th	25th	50th	75th	85th	90th	95th
<b>Male</b>				<b>Centimeters</b>								
2 years	285	91.8	0.38	84.1	85.5	87.0	88.6	92.0	94.9	96.4	97.6	99.5
3 years	202	98.9	0.36	91.1	93.5	94.6	95.9	98.8	101.5	103.9	104.8	105.8
4 years	244	106.2	0.43	97.8	100.1	101.2	103.1	106.0	108.7	111.1	112.8	114.9
5 years	205	113.7	0.55	104.2	106.7	107.2	109.4	113.1	116.9	119.5	121.7	†
6 years	193	119.3	0.45	108.6	112.0	112.7	115.4	119.5	123.3	124.8	126.1	128.2
7 years	215	125.4	0.43	117.1	118.2	118.7	120.3	124.8	128.9	131.9	133.7	136.5
8 years	210	131.6	0.66	122.0	123.4	125.3	128.0	131.4	135.4	137.4	138.8	†
9 years	190	137.9	0.88	123.4	127.6	130.2	132.3	136.7	143.2	145.3	146.5	151.2
10 years	197	142.3	0.64	131.7	133.4	135.3	137.5	142.5	147.0	148.5	149.9	152.8
11 years	211	149.9	0.62	138.8	140.3	142.1	145.0	149.3	154.1	157.1	160.2	163.1
12 years	159	154.6	0.61	143.1	144.4	146.0	149.0	153.4	160.6	163.3	165.8	168.2
13 years	146	163.7	0.68	147.7	151.4	155.2	157.3	164.5	168.9	172.1	174.9	†
14 years	177	168.5	0.94	154.9	157.7	160.1	162.5	169.5	174.3	176.2	177.6	†
15 years	160	173.8	0.88	160.3	164.0	166.9	170.0	173.7	178.2	181.5	183.4	187.8
16 years	175	175.1	0.50	163.3	166.2	168.1	171.0	175.4	178.5	182.1	183.3	186.3
17 years	188	175.9	0.69	162.6	165.4	167.5	172.1	176.1	180.3	183.2	185.4	†
18 years	142	176.4	0.54	164.0	168.8	169.7	172.2	176.8	180.0	183.0	184.4	185.7
19 years	179	177.8	0.81	164.7	168.5	170.1	173.4	178.2	181.9	184.9	187.3	†
<b>Female</b>												
2 years	257	90.4	0.41	84.7	85.5	86.1	87.4	90.0	92.7	95.2	96.1	97.6
3 years	189	98.7	0.39	90.9	92.5	93.6	95.1	99.0	101.7	103.3	104.9	106.9
4 years	200	105.0	0.46	98.0	99.6	100.7	102.0	104.7	107.5	110.0	111.6	112.6
5 years	177	112.6	0.45	104.0	105.6	107.4	109.4	112.0	115.8	117.5	120.3	122.1
6 years	177	119.2	0.52	111.0	112.8	113.5	115.0	118.8	123.1	124.9	126.5	128.9
7 years	207	124.6	0.53	113.5	116.5	118.6	121.1	125.1	128.5	130.4	131.7	134.2
8 years	203	131.3	0.84	121.2	122.5	124.9	126.5	130.7	135.1	137.4	139.7	†
9 years	205	137.0	0.47	127.6	129.2	130.2	132.3	136.7	140.8	143.0	144.9	148.3
10 years	183	144.5	0.52	133.9	134.6	136.8	138.7	144.5	149.8	151.8	153.3	155.4
11 years	219	150.4	0.54	137.5	140.0	141.0	145.9	150.7	155.9	157.8	159.2	161.6
12 years	166	156.1	0.64	142.9	145.0	149.4	151.3	156.7	161.7	163.1	164.6	166.3
13 years	140	160.0	0.55	151.0	152.4	154.1	155.5	159.5	163.5	166.3	169.2	170.4
14 years	168	161.6	0.76	†	152.8	153.7	156.4	161.9	166.5	168.6	169.9	174.7
15 years	137	162.9	0.78	150.9	154.4	155.8	158.8	161.7	167.0	168.9	170.3	176.2
16 years	156	162.2	0.64	151.9	154.1	155.7	157.3	161.4	166.8	169.5	170.5	171.6
17 years	143	163.1	0.62	150.0	152.4	154.6	157.4	164.0	168.5	171.4	172.6	174.7
18 years	137	163.1	0.59	153.8	154.8	157.1	159.2	163.0	167.1	169.6	171.2	173.0
19 years	118	163.3	0.72	153.8	156.1	157.9	159.4	163.1	165.8	167.7	168.9	172.9

† Standard error not calculated by SUDAAN.

<sup>1</sup> Refers to age at time of examination.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Height in centimetres for children and adolescents aged 2-19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007-2010

# Schedule 8: Mean Weight Charts For SAP and Girls SAP Only

**Table 1. Weight in kilograms for children and adolescents from birth through age 19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007–2010**

Sex and age <sup>1</sup>	Number of examined persons	Mean	Standard error of the mean	Percentile								
				5th	10th	15th	25th	50th	75th	85th	90th	95th
<b>Male</b>				<b>Kilograms</b>								
Birth to 2 months	82	5.2	0.09	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.5	5.4	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.3
3–5 months	111	7.1	0.11	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.2	7.0	7.5	8.1	8.4	8.6
6–8 months	103	8.7	0.13	7.2	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.7	9.2	9.5	10.0	10.6
9–11 months	108	9.6	0.15	†	8.1	8.2	8.7	9.3	10.5	11.1	11.2	11.7
1 year	318	11.3	0.09	8.9	9.4	9.7	10.2	11.4	12.2	12.8	13.0	13.8
2 years	325	14.0	0.14	11.3	11.8	12.2	12.6	13.9	15.0	15.7	16.4	17.3
3 years	203	16.2	0.21	13.1	13.6	14.0	14.7	15.9	17.2	17.8	18.3	20.2
4 years	244	18.5	0.22	14.9	15.2	15.6	16.2	17.7	19.5	21.5	23.0	25.5
5 years	205	21.2	0.32	16.3	17.1	17.8	18.9	20.2	22.1	24.4	27.1	31.0
6 years	193	24.3	0.47	16.8	18.1	19.1	20.3	23.1	25.6	29.1	35.0	36.5
7 years	216	26.7	0.43	19.7	20.3	21.1	22.2	24.9	29.6	33.5	34.8	39.5
8 years	211	31.3	0.70	21.6	22.7	23.8	25.8	29.8	35.3	39.4	42.1	46.5
9 years	191	36.6	1.17	22.8	24.6	26.6	28.3	33.0	42.8	49.2	52.6	†
10 years	197	40.0	0.93	25.8	28.6	30.2	32.1	38.0	46.1	52.2	54.0	59.7
11 years	211	46.6	1.13	31.5	33.7	34.5	35.9	42.4	54.4	60.8	66.8	73.5
12 years	159	51.5	1.27	31.3	34.5	36.6	39.9	49.2	60.7	68.0	69.7	75.1
13 years	146	59.2	1.45	38.0	42.7	44.6	48.5	56.6	63.6	71.4	81.0	95.8
14 years	177	63.9	1.92	40.2	42.3	47.0	52.2	60.4	71.2	81.2	88.9	†
15 years	160	70.1	1.95	48.4	50.6	53.9	56.2	66.0	76.4	86.9	94.2	115.3
16 years	175	75.1	1.52	52.0	56.2	57.7	62.3	70.7	84.4	92.9	99.8	108.9
17 years	188	77.4	2.41	52.3	58.1	60.9	64.4	71.0	85.4	95.3	104.8	128.5
18 years	142	81.3	2.00	56.7	60.1	61.9	66.5	78.3	90.3	95.8	106.1	†
19 years	179	79.5	1.39	57.6	62.3	63.6	66.9	76.6	85.6	95.8	98.8	119.1
<b>Female</b>												
Birth to 2 months	82	5.0	0.11	3.0	3.6	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.8	6.0
3–5 months	104	6.7	0.07	5.2	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.9
6–8 months	103	8.1	0.07	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.9	9.3	9.6
9–11 months	119	9.0	0.12	7.3	7.6	7.8	8.4	8.9	9.7	10.0	10.2	10.7
1 year	297	10.9	0.10	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.7	10.7	11.7	12.2	12.7	13.1
2 years	282	13.4	0.15	10.9	11.2	11.7	12.1	13.2	14.4	14.9	15.6	16.5
3 years	191	15.7	0.24	12.3	12.8	13.1	13.8	15.4	16.9	18.1	18.9	19.7
4 years	200	17.7	0.21	14.2	14.9	15.1	15.8	17.1	18.9	20.4	22.0	23.1
5 years	177	21.1	0.54	15.9	16.6	17.4	18.1	19.7	22.4	24.2	26.4	†
6 years	177	23.6	0.47	18.3	18.7	19.2	20.4	22.5	25.2	27.6	30.3	33.5
7 years	207	26.8	0.53	19.4	20.6	21.0	22.1	25.2	28.9	32.8	35.4	39.6
8 years	203	31.9	1.01	21.8	23.1	23.7	25.0	29.2	37.8	42.4	43.6	48.0
9 years	205	35.5	0.98	23.3	26.1	26.5	28.0	31.9	40.1	46.1	49.3	55.7
10 years	183	41.1	0.74	27.3	29.1	30.1	33.6	39.0	45.3	52.3	55.0	61.3
11 years	219	47.5	1.28	30.0	31.5	33.0	36.1	43.3	56.5	63.0	66.8	79.6
12 years	166	52.3	1.26	30.6	34.8	38.0	43.1	51.4	60.3	65.7	72.1	75.7
13 years	140	56.8	1.41	38.8	41.4	44.6	46.1	52.3	64.8	72.4	75.7	83.2
14 years	168	61.6	1.13	42.7	44.8	47.7	51.1	59.0	67.1	73.5	76.4	†
15 years	137	63.3	1.32	44.2	46.5	48.2	54.5	59.5	70.6	77.1	85.8	92.3
16 years	156	62.4	1.11	45.5	48.4	50.0	51.3	58.7	69.5	77.9	84.8	92.0
17 years	143	63.7	1.56	45.4	47.9	49.1	51.8	60.8	68.4	80.0	83.8	92.0
18 years	137	65.4	1.67	46.6	50.6	51.8	53.5	58.6	69.5	80.4	85.8	105.0
19 years	118	68.0	2.00	44.4	47.1	51.0	55.1	62.8	76.8	88.2	94.9	106.7

† Standard error not calculated by SUDAAN.

<sup>1</sup> Refers to age at time of examination.

NOTE: Pregnant females were excluded.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Weight in kilograms for children and adolescents from birth through age 19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007- 2010

# Schedule 9: Player Points System – Men's

## General Definitions and Explanatory Notes

The following discussion points and examples are intended to provide Member Federations and National Premier League Clubs 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 FA 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:

- a) The Football NSW Men's NPL Player Points System applies to the NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's and NPL 3 NSW Men's Competitions.
- b) The PPS distinguishes between two distinct types of NPL Club teams: those upon which an age restriction is placed (e.g. U16s, U18s, U20s) (NPL Club Age-Eligible Team) and the NPL Club's senior team, being the First Team.
- c) The PPS points cap (Points Cap) applies to each NPL Club's First Team Player Roster (First Team Player Roster) and this First Team is required to remain within the Points Cap at all times. A breach of the PPS during the season, either via fielding an ineligible player, falling below the minimum player roster, or upgrading players that result in "1st team" players in excess of the maximum, will result in a forfeit against the offending team.
- d) The maximum Points Cap is as follows for each competition:
  - NPL NSW Men's – 200
  - NPL 2 NSW Men's – 200
  - NPL 3 NSW Men's – 200
- e) The Club(s) that is promoted into the NPL NSW Men's and NPL 2 NSW Men's Competitions, NPL 3 NSW Men's Competitions will be granted a twenty (20) point deduction. This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion.
- f) Each Player is, as a starting point, attributed a points value of 10 points, after which his 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.
- g) Promoting Players from the NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams onto the First Team Player Roster is permitted in limited circumstances as outlined further in the Explanatory Notes and Guidelines under First Team Player Roster Requirements.
- h) The following table details the points adjustment depending on the Player's history:

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Youth Player	-1 for each year the Player is under 23 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Youth Player is 22 years of age or younger as at 31 December of the current NPL season.</li> <li>• In relation to a Player's age, one (1) point is deducted from the Player's points value for each year the Player is under 23 years of age.</li> </ul>
Homegrown Player	-1 for each season registered with the NPL Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Homegrown Player is a Player that has been registered for any period during a season with his NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams.</li> <li>• One (1) point is deducted from the Player's points value for each season the Player was registered with his NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams.</li> </ul>
Loyalty Player	-1 for each continuous season with the NPL Club's First Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Loyalty Player is a Player that has registered for his NPL Club's First Team for at least five (5) continuous seasons.</li> <li>• One (1) point is deducted from a Player's points value for each season, starting from his fifth continuous season, in which the Player is registered for the NPL Club's First Team.</li> </ul>
Visa Player	+10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Visa Player is any Player who is not an Australian Player.</li> <li>• Ten (10) points is added to a Player's points value if that Player is a Visa Player.</li> <li>• A Visa Player will only incur a maximum of 20 points on a First Team Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category.</li> <li>• A Visa Player may still benefit from the other categories of the PPS (e.g. Youth Player).</li> <li>• A NPL Club can have a maximum of two (2) Visa Players on their First Team Player Roster at any one time.</li> </ul>

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Switching Player	+5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five (5) points is added to a Player's points value if:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>he was registered as a professional with his previous Club, regardless of whether the player is switching from an NPL or non-NPL Club (this does not apply to the nominated Australian Marquee Player); or</li> <li>he was registered in the NPL as an amateur with his previous NPL Club and he played ten (10) or more games in that NPL Club's First Team in the most recent NPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	+3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three (3) points is added to a Player's points value if he was registered in the NPL as an amateur with his previous NPL Club and played in less than ten (10) games in that NPL Club's First Team in the most recent NPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).</li> </ul>
	+2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two (2) points is added to a Player's points value if he is an Australian Player and his last registration was as an amateur with an overseas Club.</li> </ul>
	+1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One (1) point is added to a Player's points value if the Player was last registered as an amateur with a National Elite Pathway Team and registers for a NPL Club other than their NPL Club of origin (i.e. the NPL Club he was registered with prior to that National Elite Pathway Team).</li> </ul>
Pathway Player	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No points are added to, or deducted from, a Player's points value only by virtue of that Player having left a NPL Club to join a National Elite Pathway Team and having returned to the same NPL Club.</li> </ul>
Australian Marquee Player	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Australian Marquee Player is an Australian Player that was registered as a professional Player for a A-League Club or an overseas Club immediately prior to registering with the NPL Club.</li> <li>The Australian Marquee Player will only incur a maximum of ten (10) points on a First Team Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. The Player can benefit from the other categories of the PPS (i.e. Homegrown Player).</li> <li>A NPL Club can have two (2) Player on its First Team Player Roster nominated as its Australian Marquee Player at any one time. If an NPL Club has two (2) Australian Marquee Players on its First Team Player Roster, at least one (1) of these Players must be 23 years of age or younger as at 31 December of the current NPL season.</li> </ul>



Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Youth Player Advancement	-3 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three (3) points may be deducted from a NPL Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is permanently transferred to a National Elite Pathway Team from the NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams.</li> <li>• The points deduction will only apply for one (1) NPL season, which must be applied in either the NPL season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPL season.</li> </ul>
First Team Player Advancement	-8 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight (8) points may be deducted from a NPL Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is signed by a National Elite Pathway Team from the NPL Club's First Team Player Roster.</li> <li>• The points deduction will only apply for one (1) NPL season, which must be applied in either the NPL season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPL season.</li> </ul>
Promoted Club	-20 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Club that is promoted into the NPL NSW Men's and NPL 2 NSW Men's Competitions, will be granted a twenty (20) point deduction.</li> <li>• A Club that is promoted into the NPL 3 NSW Men's Competitions, will be granted a twenty (20) point deduction, if the Club has an existing youth program within the Football NSW Competitions.</li> <li>• This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion.</li> </ul>
Promoted Club	-40 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Club that is promoted into the NPL 3 NSW Men's Competitions, will be granted a forty (40) point deduction, if the Club does not have an existing youth program within the Football NSW Competitions.</li> <li>• This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion.</li> </ul>

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## General Definitions

### First Team

First Team means the NPL Club's senior team participating in the NPL.

### First Team Player Roster

Loan means the temporary transfer of a Player's registration from the Parent Club to the Loan Club, effected in accordance with the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (NRSTRs).

### Loan

Loan means the temporary transfer of a Player's registration from the Parent Club to the Loan Club, effected in accordance with the FA National Registration Regulations.

### Loan Club

Loan Club means the Club to which the registration of a Player subject to a Loan is, will be, or has been temporarily transferred from a Parent Club for the term of a Loan.

### National Elite Pathway Team

A National Elite Pathway Team is a team which participates in the National Elite Pathway, as determined by the FA 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:

- A-League Club including Academy team's participating in the NPL and or, the A-League Team;
- Foxtel Y-League team;
- National Training Centre team (full-time programs only), or;

### NPL

NPL means the national men's second tier club competition staged in each Member Federation in Australia and includes the NPL Finals Series.

### NPL Club Age-Eligible Teams

NPL Club Age-Eligible teams are the teams that sit below the NPL Club First Team as determined by Football NSW. For clarity, these include Under 13s through to Under 20s.

### NPL Club

NPL Club means any entity admitted by Football NSW to field a team in a NPL Competition.

### NPL Finals Series

NPL Finals Series is the national eight (8) team knockout competition staged by, or under the control of, FA between the State Premiers of each Member Federation's National Premier League and is comprised of the Elimination Finals, Semi Finals and Grand Final or any other configuration as determined by FA from time to time.

### PPS or Player Points System

PPS or Player Points System means the system for calculating NPL Club's player points as set out in Schedule C of the NPL Finals Series – Competition Regulations and in Section 3, Article 10 of these Regulations.

### Points Cap

Points Cap means the permitted total value of a NPL Club's Points Total, as determined by Football NSW, in consultation with FA.

## Points Total

Points Total means the sum of all points attributed to all Players on a NPL Club's First Team Player Roster at any given time.

## Promoted Club

A Promoted Club means:

- a club promoted into the NPL from a lower tier competition, including a lower division of the NPL, or;
- is an entity granted a licence to participate in the NPL for the first time.

## State Premiers

State Premiers means the NPL Club who is the premiers of the relevant Member Federation's NPL Regular Season by being top of the table at the end of the NPL Regular Season.

## Explanatory Notes

NPL Club First Team Player Roster Requirements

- At all times during a NPL season, a NPL Club must include a minimum of 20 Players on its First Team Player Roster and may include a maximum of 23 Players on its First Team Player Roster.
- For the purposes of the PPS, playing in a match is defined as taking the field of play (i.e. in the starting 11 or entering the field as a substitute). For the avoidance of doubt, it will not constitute playing a match if the Player remains on the bench and does not enter the field of play.
- All Players must be registered to the appropriate age-category (where applicable). Any Player who during the NPL 2021 Season exceeds the age-limit for the oldest NPL Age-Eligible Team at an NPL Club (e.g. U20), must be included on his NPL Club's First Team Player Roster.

## Youth Player

Please refer to the table below in respect to the relevant point deductions in the Youth Player category:

Player's Age as at 31 December in current NPL season	Points Deduction
22 years of age (1999 born)	-1
21 years of age (2000 born)	-2
20 years of age (2001 born)	-3
19 years of age (2002 born)	-4
18 years of age and under (2003 born)	-5

## Australian Player

An Australian Player is any Player who is:

- (a) a citizen of Australia;
- (b) a Permanent Resident of Australia (where Permanent Resident means a person residing 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
- (c) the holder of a refugee visa, humanitarian visa or protection visa issued by the Australian government. For further details see: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

## Visa Player

- Member Federations and NPL Clubs are encouraged to refer to the following website for further clarification regarding visas: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

- For the purposes of the PPS, a New Zealand Citizen is classified as a Visa Player unless he satisfies the definition of an Australian Player. Please refer to the Department of Home Affairs for further clarification regarding the visa status of New Zealand Citizens in Australia: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.
- Any Player participating in the NPL with a A-League Club who has been permitted to play in the Foxtel Y-League as an "FYL Australian Player" will, for the purposes of the PPS, be deemed an Australian Player.

### Homegrown Player

- A Player does not need to register in continuous seasons in a NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams to be eligible for Homegrown Player points.

Example: For a Player who was registered for the NPL Club in the U14s and U16s but was not registered with the NPL Club in the U18s to U20s, a total of two (2) points will be deducted from his 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.
- For the avoidance of doubt, a Player is eligible to receive a points deduction as a Homegrown Player where that Player was registered to the NPL Club's Age Eligible Teams, prior to that NPL Club being granted an NPL licence.

Example: Prior to Club A being granted a licence to participate in the NPL, John Smith is registered to the age-eligible teams of Club A between 2017 and 2020 in the state league competition. On that basis, a total of four (4) points will be deducted from his points value for the current season.

### Loyalty Player

Example: A Player is registered with a NPL Club's First Team in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (continuous seasons). If also registered in 2021, he will be eligible to receive his first point reduction of one (1) point as a Loyalty Player in the 2021 season.

- If a Player is not registered with any Club for a season and subsequently returns to his last NPL Club, the number of continuous seasons of registering for that NPL Club will be deemed to be continuous.

Example: A Player was registered with the same NPL Club in 2017, 2018 and 2019 (continuous seasons), however was not registered with any Club in 2020. If the Player registers with that NPL Club in 2021, it will be deemed to be his fourth continuous season with that NPL Club.

- 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 he returns to his previous NPL Club. During the Player's time in the National Elite Pathway Team, the calculation of continuous seasons of service will be suspended.

Example: Player John Smith of NPL Club A has been part of the First Team squad for three (3) continuous seasons. He then moves to a A-League Club for two (2) years and then at the completion of his stint with that A-League Club, he returns to NPL Club A. This season with NPL Club A will be deemed his fourth continuous season.

### Switching Player

Example: Where a Player was registered with a NPL Club (Former NPL Club) and subsequently registers with a Club that does not participate in the NPL, A-League or FYL (non-NPL Club); and having not played for the non-NPL Club in a competitive match seeks to register with a subsequent NPL Club (Subsequent NPL Club);

- Football NSW may attribute Switching Player Points for that Player upon registration with the Subsequent NPL Club as if the Player had transferred directly from the Former NPL Club to the Subsequent NPL Club;
  - The Subsequent NPL Club may apply Football NSW to justify the reasons as to why Switching Player points should not apply.
- For the purposes of Switching Player points, played means taking the field of play (i.e. part of the starting eleven or taking the field as a substitute).
  - Football NSW has the right to determine in its sole and absolute discretion as to whether Switching Player points will apply where the Member Federation is the Competition Administrator.

- FA has the right to determine in its sole and absolute discretion as to whether Switching Player points will apply in the event that the NPL Club qualifies for the national NPL Finals Series.
- Switching Player points also apply for mid-season registrations and transfers, including a Player promoted from a NPL Club's Age-Eligible Team.
- Where a Player is promoted from a NPL Club's Age-Eligible Team (or equivalent) to a NPL Club's First Team Player Roster during the season, Switching Player Points will be applied where the Player's registration immediately prior (e.g. earlier in the 2019 season) or in the previous NPL season was with another NPL Club.
- Where a player is registered to an NPL Club's Age-Eligible team and switches to another NPL Clubs 1st Grade team regardless of that player playing in any 1st grade matches at his original club also incurs switching points
- A player that has not been registered with an NPL Club for a period of 30 months from the date the Player made his or her last appearance for a Club in a Match will not incur a switching player penalty.

### Pathway Player

- A Pathway Player is subject to all other categories of the PPS (other than the Switching Player category). For example, a Pathway Player is eligible for Loyalty Player points and Homegrown Player points.
- A Player who departs a NPL Club for a National Elite Pathway Team and returns to the same NPL 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 NPL Club.

Example A: Player history of John Smith – Eligible Pathway Player 2018      Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

2019    Registered with Perth Glory (FYL)  
 2020    Registered with Brisbane Roar (A-League)  
 2021    Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

Example B: Player history of Mark Jones – Ineligible Pathway Player 2018      Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

2019    Registered with Perth Glory (FYL)  
 2020    Registered with Thailand FC (Overseas)  
 2021    Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

### Australian Marquee Player

An Australian Marquee Player is subject to all other categories of the PPS (e.g. Homegrown Player) but will not be subject to the Switching Player category:

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, a Player may only be categorised as an Australian Marquee Player in his first season with the NPL Club and for one (1) season only in his career for that NPL Club. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player is not able to be an Australian Marquee Player in his second season in the NPL with that NPL Club.

Notwithstanding paragraph (a) immediately above, if a Player is categorised as an Australian Marquee Player for an NPL Club, he then transfers as a professional to a A-League Club or overseas Club and then subsequently returns to the NPL and seeks to register for an NPL Club (either the same or different NPL Club), he is eligible to be categorised as an Australian Marquee.

### Points Deduction – Youth Player Advancement

Example: A NPL Club has a U14 Player signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The NPL Club can choose to have:

- (a) three (3) points deducted (-3 points) from this season's Points Total;  
 (b) three (3) points deducted (-3 points) from next season's Points Total.

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### **Points Deduction – First Team Player Advancement**

Example: A NPL Club has a First Team Player signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The NPL Club can choose to have:

- (a) eight points deducted (-8 points) from this season's Points Total;
- (b) eight (8) points deducted from next season's Points Total.

### **Points Deduction – Promoted Club**

This category applies to Clubs promoted into the NPL or an entity granted a licence to participate in the NPL for the first time. This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion into, or being granted a licence to participate in, the NPL.

## Schedule 10: Player Points System – Women’s

- a) The Football NSW Women’s Player Points System applies to the First Grade and Reserve Grade squads of the NPL NSW Women’s and NPL 2 NSW Women’s Competitions.
- b) The maximum points total for a forty (40) Player combined First Grade and Reserve Grade squad in the 2021 NPL NSW Women’s & NPL 2 NSW Women’s Competition is 480.
- c) A Club newly entering at the level of NPL NSW Women’s or NPL 2 NSW Women’s, either through promotion / relegation or at the invitation of FNSW independent of the previous season’s results will be given an additional fifty (50) points to their PPS cap in their first season of entry.
- d) The Senior Player and Youth Player advancement points adjustments can be used either;
  - in the same season the player moves to the Pathway Program, should the move happen during the football season; or
  - in the season immediately following the season in which the player moves to the Pathway Program; or
  - in the season immediately following the move should the move occur outside the FNSW football season.
- e) Each Club will start with forty (40) players that are attributed with a points value of 12.5 points.
- f) Once a Player is added to the Senior Squad Player Roster, her points value is adjusted to 10 points, and then further adjusted depending on certain characteristics which result in points being added to or deducted from the Player’s points value.
- g) A Player’s points value cannot be less than 0 points.
- h) The following table details the points adjustment depending on the Player’s history:

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Homegrown Player Deduction	-1 for each season registered with the Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Homegrown Player is a Player that has been registered for any period during a season with her Club’s Youth Teams.</li> <li>• One (1) point is deducted from the Player’s points value for each season the Player was registered with her Club’s Youth Teams.</li> <li>• The maximum adjustment to a Player’s points value under this category is minus five (5) points.</li> </ul>
Loyalty Player Deduction	-1 for each continuous season with the Club’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Loyalty Player is a Player that has registered for her Club’s Senior Squad for at least five (5) continuous seasons.</li> <li>• One (1) point is deducted from a Player’s points value for each season, starting from her fifth continuous season, in which the Player is registered for the Club’s Senior Squad.</li> <li>• The maximum adjustment to a Player’s points value under this category is minus five (5) points.</li> </ul>

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Visa Player	+10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Visa Player is any Player who is not an Australian Player.</li> <li>• Ten (10) points is added to a Player's points value if that Player is a Visa Player.</li> <li>• A Visa Player may still benefit from the other categories of the PPS (e.g. Loyalty Player Deduction).</li> <li>• Clubs are permitted a maximum of two (2) Visa Players per squad.</li> </ul>
Switching Player	+8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Switching Player is a Player that has switched from another NPL NSW Women's or NPL 2 NSW Women's Club, or a Club from an equivalent Member Federation Competition, during the current or preceding season(s) and are in the Senior Squad.</li> <li>• Please note the 2020 COVID-19 concession that is applied for the 2021 season, switching player points will be incurred if the player was registered with the Club during the 2020 July registration window and is returned by the Club – <a href="#">click here</a> for ease of reference</li> </ul>
	+0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A player that has not been registered with an NPL Club for a period of 30 months from the date the Player made her last appearance for a Club in a Match will not incur a switching player penalty.</li> </ul>
Pathway Player	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No points are added to, or deducted from, a Player's points value, where that Player has left the Club and registered directly with a Pathway Program and are returning to the same club directly from that program.</li> </ul>
Youth Player Advancement	-3 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three (3) points may be deducted from a Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is recruited from the Club's youth teams into a Pathway Program.</li> <li>• A one-off deduction attributed to the Club's Points Total when a player is recruited to a Pathway Program for the first time.</li> </ul>
Senior Player Advancement	-8 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight (8) points may be deducted from a Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is recruited from the Club's Senior Squad into a Pathway Program.</li> <li>• A one-off deduction attributed to the Club's Points Total when a player is recruited to the Pathway Program for the first time.</li> </ul>
Promoted Club	-50 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Promoted Club will receive a deduction of 50 points from their Points Total.</li> <li>• This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion into the NPL NSW Women's Competition or a new Club being granted a licence to participate in the NPL NSW Women's or NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions by Football NSW.</li> </ul>
Relegated Club	-50 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Relegated Club will receive a deduction of 50 points from their Points Total.</li> <li>• This points deduction only applies for the Relegated Club's first season following relegation into the NPL 2 NSW Women's Competition.</li> </ul>



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## General Definitions

### Senior Squad

Senior squad means the Club's First Grade and Reserve Grade Team participating in the NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions.

### Youth Teams

Youth teams means the Club's U14 - U17 Team's participating in the NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions.

### Youth Player

Youth Player means a player from the Club's U13 – U17 teams.

### Senior Player

Senior Player means a player from the Club's Reserve Grade or First Grade teams.

### Pathway Program

Pathway Program means either the Football NSW Institute (FNSWI), Westfield W-League (WWL) or Future Matilda's.

### Club

Club means any entity admitted by Football NSW to field a team in the NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's.

### PPS or Player Points System

PPS or Player Points System means the system for calculating a Club's player points as set out in the Football NSW Competition Regulations and in this document.

### Points Total

Points Total means the sum of all points attributed to all Players on the Club's Senior Squad at any given time.

### Maximum Points Total

Maximum Points Total means the permitted total value of a Club's Points Total, as determined by Football NSW, being 480 points.

## Explanatory Notes

### Senior Squad Player Roster Requirements

- At all times during a season, a Club may include a maximum of 40 Players on its Senior Squad Player Roster.

### Australian Player

An Australian Player is any Player who is:

- (a) a citizen of Australia;
- (b) a Permanent Resident of Australia (where Permanent Resident means a person residing 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
- (c) the holder of a refugee visa, humanitarian visa or protection visa issued by the Australian government. For further details see: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

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## Visa Player

- Member Federations and NPL Clubs are encouraged to refer to the following website for further clarification regarding visas: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.
- For the purposes of the PPS, a New Zealand Citizen is classified as a Visa Player unless he satisfies the definition of an Australian Player. Please refer to the Department of Home Affairs for further clarification regarding the visa status of New Zealand Citizens in Australia: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

## Homegrown Player

- A Player does not need to register in continuous seasons in a Club's Youth Teams to be eligible for Homegrown Player points.

Example: For a Player who was registered for the Club in the U14's and U15's but was not registered with the NPL Club in the U17's, a total of two (2) 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 Club's Senior Squad in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (continuous seasons). If also registered in 2021, she will be eligible to receive her first point reduction of one (1) point as a Loyalty Player in the 2021 season.

- If a Player is not registered with any Club for a season and subsequently returns to her last Club, the number of continuous seasons of registering for that Club will be deemed to be continuous.

Example: A Player was registered with the same Club in 2017, 2018 and 2019 (continuous seasons), however was not registered with any Club in 2020. If the Player registers with that NPL Club in 2021, it will be deemed to be her fourth continuous season with that Club.

- Should a Player move into a Pathway Program, the determination of the continuous seasons of service will not be deemed to have ceased if she returns to her previous Club. During the Player's time in the Pathway Program, the calculation of continuous seasons of service will be suspended.

## Switching Player

- Football NSW has the right to determine in its sole and absolute discretion as to whether Switching Player points will apply.
- Switching Player points also apply for mid-season registrations and transfers, including a Player promoted from a Club's Youth Teams.
- Where a Player is promoted from a Club's Youth Team to a Club's Senior Squad Player Roster during the season, Switching Player Points will be applied where the Player's registration immediately prior (e.g. earlier in the 2021 season) or in the previous season (2020) was with another NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Club.
- A player that has not been registered with an NPL Club for a period of 30 months from the date the Player made his or her last appearance for a Club in a Match will not incur a switching player penalty.

## Pathway Player

- A Pathway Player is subject to all other categories of the PPS (other than the Switching Player category). For example, a Pathway Player is eligible for Loyalty Player points and Homegrown Player points.
- A Player who departs a Club for a Pathway Program and returns to the same Club will be classified as a Pathway Player provided the Player has remained with the Pathway Program for the duration of their absence from the relevant Club.

## Schedule 11: Definitions

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**“Association Member”** means those admitted from time to time as association members of Football NSW under the Football NSW Constitution.

**“Away Club”** Means the Club not playing the Fixture or Match at its home ground and / or appearing second on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

**“Board”** mean the directors of Football NSW appointed or elected from time to time. **“Body”** Has its meaning given to it under the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations. **“By-Laws”** means the by-laws of Football NSW as amended from time to time.

**“Championship”** means the final series conducted at the completion of the Premiership in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

**“Club”** means an entity formed for the purpose of playing football or futsal in the Competitions.

**“Club Official”** means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club or Centre (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

**“Coach”** Any person with the required qualifications registered with Football NSW to control a Football teams training and match performance.

**“Competitions”** means any or all of the football matches or competitions conducted by Football NSW.

**“Constitution”** means the constitution of Football NSW as amended up to 26 August 2011.

**“Cup”** means a tournament or event conducted by Football NSW which includes, but not limited to, the Waratah Cup played in the State in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

**“Executive”** means the Chief Executive Officer of Football NSW or his or her nominee.

**“FA”** means Football Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

**“Field of Play”** or **“playing area”** Means the field of play and any perimeter area between the line markings of the pitch and the spectator area.

**“FIFA”** means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee.

**“Fixture”** means a meeting of clubs as scheduled in all grades applicable.

**“FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations”** means the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations 2014.

**“Football Activity”** means any activity of a football nature that takes place on the field of play, playing area or within the external surrounds of a ground or venue or any other activity relating or incidental to the objects of Football NSW.

**“Football NSW”** means Football NSW Limited ACN 003 215 923 which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the State.

**“A-League (HAL) Academy Clubs”** means Central Coast Mariners FC, Sydney FC & Western Sydney Wanderers FC National Youth League team and under pinning teams that are participating in the National Premier League 2 NSW Men’s & National Premier League NSW Youth Competitions

**“Home Club”** Means the Club playing the Fixture or Match at its home ground and/or appearing first on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

**“Laws of the Game”** means the official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by FIFA

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**“League”** means a competition conducted by FNSW comprised of specific gender and age grades, as declared by the Board.

**“Manager”** Any Person registered with Football NSW to control the administrative aspect of a Team’s training and match performance.

**“Match”** means any match played in a Football NSW Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under Football NSW’s control.

**“Match Official”** means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FA, Football NSW, a Referee’s Body, a Centre, an Association Member or a Club to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.

**“Misconduct”** has the meaning given to it under section 15.3 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

**“Official”** means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official.

“Person” means a natural person.

**“Participation Agreement”** means the Part 3 document completed by the club or team on acceptance to the competition.

**“Participant”** means a Player, Official or Spectator.

**“Player”** means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FA, junior or senior or an Amateur or Professional).

**“Pre-Season”** Means the period of the year outside the Season.

**“Pre-Season Competition”** means Fixtures or matches played prior to the commencement of a Football NSW Competition.

**“Premiership”** means the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a Team competes in during a Season in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

**“Professional Player”** Means a player registered with a football club under a written contract to play football for reward other than payment for sundry expenses such as traveling to and from a football activity. Every other player is an Amateur player.

**“Regulations”** means these Football NSW Competition Regulations.

**“Representative Competition”** Means any competition involving solely teams representing either Nations, States, Territories, Regions or institutes.

**“Round”** means a series of fixtures scheduled by Football NSW.

**“Season”** means from the commencement of a Football NSW Competition to the conclusion of a Football NSW Competition unless otherwise directed by Football NSW.

**“Spectator”** means a person who attends a Match.

**“Stadium”** means stadia, venue or ground where the Match is conducted.

**“Stadium Technical Requirements”** means the regulations adopted on 6 August 2012.

**“State”** means the state of New South Wales with the exception of the northern regions of NSW which are identified by FA as “Northern NSW”.

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**“Suspension”** means a suspension applicable under, or issued pursuant to, the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

**“Team”** means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

**“Team Official”** means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club, Centre or an Association Member.

**“Trial Match”** means any Match played by two Clubs which does not form part of a Football NSW Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament but has been sanctioned by Football NSW.



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