



**FFSA COMPETITION OPERATING REGULATIONS  
Specific to Senior Men's Competitions including  
National Premier League,  
State League 1 and 2 Competitions and  
Cup Competitions**

Amended, Updated and Implemented

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## **Application**

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

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

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

## **Scope**

These regulations:

- i) apply to participating teams, players and officials participating in the National Premier League, State League(s) and Cup Competitions;
- ii) apply to all National Premier League, State League 1 and State League 2 and Cup Competition Games;

# NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

## Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
<b>Field Dimensions</b>	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular	
<b>Playing Surface</b>	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
<b>Field Markings</b>	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
<b>Perimeter Fence</b>	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. <b>Non-Compliance:</b> Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is not compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be compliant prior to further use.
<b>Player's Race</b>	An enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons. <b>Non -Compliance – (Refer to page 50-52 for details relating to fines)</b> A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. B. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s; a. First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. b. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. c. Subsequent offences referred to Disciplinary Hearing.

## FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
<b>Technical Area</b>	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 12 people, 5 substitutions and 6 team officials.	In line with NPL Final Series)
<b>Field Equipment</b>	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
<b>Team Changing Rooms</b>	<p>Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time.</li> <li>II. Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water.</li> <li>III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin.</li> <li>IV. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing.</li> <li>V. Trainers Table.</li> </ol>	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whiteboard and pens</li> <li>• Power Points</li> </ul> <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
<b>Match Officials Changing Room</b>	<p>Allocation of a changing room that comfortably accommodates up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate changing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time.</li> <li>ii. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water.</li> <li>iii. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin.</li> <li>iv. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing.</li> <li>v. Table</li> </ol>	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Points</li> </ul> <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>

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<b>Floodlighting</b>	<p>Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play senior fixtures, the field floodlighting must be a minimum of 200 lux with a uniformity of 0.6.</p> <p>For Under 18 and Reserve Grade fixtures to be conducted as night games the minimum floodlighting requirements is 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.</p> <p>A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide FFSA a new lighting certificate prior to FFSA sanctioning of games.</p>
<b>Medical Room and Equipment</b>	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.

- A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.
- B. FFSA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.  
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- C. For a full outline of venue requirements please refer to the FFSA Venue Requirements document.

## SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
<b>Spectator Amenities</b>		
Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.		
<b>Access and exit to the venue</b>	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
<b>Admission into the Venue</b>	Each venue is to have a admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by FFSA for the collection of admission fees.	
<b>Canteen and Bar</b>	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
<b>Car Parking</b>	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
<b>Media Area</b>	A media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is required to be provided at each venue.	
<b>Scoreboard</b>	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
<b>Seating Capacity</b>	Seating for 200 people.	Recommended that the seating is undercover.
<b>Smoke Free Venues</b>	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
<b>PA System</b>	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue.	Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
<b>Toilets</b>	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

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## TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Senior Teams</b>	Each club is to field three grades of senior teams; a. Under 18s b. Reserves c. Seniors	<b>Non-Compliance</b> If a club is unable to field Senior, Reserve or Under 18s Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the National Premier League Competition.
<b>Junior Teams</b>	Each club is required to field the following junior requirements; a. Under 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 b. MiniRoos Teams at least one team in each age group; Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Under 17 Age Group is optional. <b>Non-Compliance</b> a. If a club fails to nominate any of the required junior teams, the club will not be permitted into the National Premier League Competition. Consideration may be given to permit the club to participate in the State League 1 and State League 2 if the competition criteria is fulfilled. FFSA reserves the right to permit FFA/FFSA Development Teams or National Youth League Teams to enter without requiring to enter junior grade teams.  b. If a club withdraws one or more of the required junior teams once the club has completed the nomination form or once the season has commenced, three competition points will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each junior team that is withdrawn. The relevant competition withdrawal fine will also be applied.  c. If a club fails to nominate the required MiniRoos Teams, one competition point will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each MiniRoos Team that is required to meet the criteria.  d. If a club withdraws one or more of the required MiniRoos teams once the season has commenced, one competition point will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each MiniRoos team that is withdrawn. The relevant withdrawal fine will also be applied.  <b>FFSA has the sole and absolute discretion to impose these sanctions and will take into consideration only exceptional circumstances for not fulfilling the criteria.</b>
<b>Player Points System</b>	Each club will be required to implement the Player Points System when selecting their senior grade team.	FFSA will provide the Player Points System to each club.



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<b>Technical Director</b>	Each club is required to appoint a Technical Director to oversee the football development of teams aged 12-18 years of age. The person appointed to this position is required to be accredited to a minimum of an <b>AFCB Licence</b> .	The Technical Director is required to work with the FFSA Technical Director as required. Technical Director must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a police certificate.								
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<b>Annual Coaching Conference</b>	The Technical Director and Head Coach of each club are required to attend FFSA annual Coaching Conference.									
<b>Community Club Academy</b>	Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club.	FFSA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.								
<b>Football for Girls and Women</b>	Each club is required to demonstrate a commitment to football for girls and women. This may be achieved by developing a partnership with a local girls' and women's club or by fielding girls' and/or women's teams.									

## CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Club Liaison Officers</b>	<p>Each club is required to implement people to the following positions to assist with communication between the FFSA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid Club Administrator – minimum 15 hours per week</li> <li>Club Registrar - FFA Registration System</li> <li>Senior Competition Liaison Officer</li> <li>Media Liaison Officer</li> <li>Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer</li> <li>Club Development Liaison Officer</li> </ul> <p>All appointed officers must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a criminal history check or DCSI Screening.</p>	<p>Job descriptions for each role will be provided by FFSA and is available on the FFSA website.</p>
<b>Youth Training Plan</b>	<p>Each club is required to develop and implement a Youth Training Plan that outlines the vision and goals of the training program for all underage teams from Under 12 to 17. This plan must be consistent with the National Curriculum Program.</p>	<p>Each club is to submit the Youth Training Plan by 1 February of each year. FFSA Technical Director will assist clubs in the planning and development of the plan.</p>
<b>Annual Budget</b>	<p>All clubs are required to provide to FFSA a yearly budget by the 1 January of each year.</p>	<p>This requirement is to be provided to FFSA prior to the club being permitted to participate in the competition.</p>
<b>Annual Report</b>	<p>Clubs are to submit an Annual Report to FFSA summarising the activities undertaken by the club for the year.</p>	<p>1 February each year</p>
<b>Business Plan</b>	<p>Each club is required to develop and implement a Business Plan and a longer-term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.</p>	<p>On application of the new licence period and then 1 February each year as updated.</p>
<b>Date of AGM</b>	<p>Each club is to notify FFSA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.</p>	<p>14 days prior to the date of the AGM.</p>

## MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Senior Team Medical Personnel</b>	<p>Minimum Level 2 Sports Trainer or physiotherapist is required.</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the FFA Registration System registration system and provide proof of accreditation/ qualification by uploading their accreditation into the system.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a police certificate.</p>	
<b>Junior Teams Medical Personnel</b>	<p><b>U12s – 17s Teams</b>     Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p><b>MiniRoos Teams</b>     Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the FFA Registration System registration system and provide proof of accreditation/ qualification by uploading their accreditation into the system.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a criminal history check.</p>	
<b>Medical Room</b>	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
<b>Medical Equipment</b>	Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel.	<p>Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.</p> <p>FFSA strongly encourages each Club to install a defibrillator at their venue/s. FFSA acknowledges this is a decision for the individual Club and will not be held responsible for any Club that does not install a defibrillator or maintain it in a state fit for purpose.</p>

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<b>Medical Reporting</b>	<p>Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical form should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team.</p> <p>If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First aid person is to complete an injury report form.</p>	<p>All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access. Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and FFSA if required.</p>
<b>Professional Development</b>	<p>Appointed medical personnel are required to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by FFSA.</p>	<p>Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.</p>

## SIGNAGE AND LOGOS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Ground Signage</b>	Each club is to provide space 2400-3000 x 1000 for Football Federation SA signs to be displayed at all home venues.	Football Federation SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football Federation SA.
<b>Logo - Football Federation SA</b>	The logo of the FFSA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in FFSA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the <b>right sleeve</b> and is to be 60mm x 60mm in size.	
<b>Logo – Football Federation SA Sponsor</b>	The logo of the Football Federation SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of all teams involved in the National Premier League as directed by FFSA.	
<b>Logo – National Premier League</b>	The National Premier League Logo is to be placed on <b>right breast</b> of the Senior Team home and away playing shirt as directed by FFA and FFSA.	
<b>Logo – Club</b>	FFSA must approve all club’s logos that appear on a club playing strip. Approval will be provided in accordance with the National Club Identity Policy.	

### Non-Compliance

FFSA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 50-52 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence               | A level 3 fine                                       |
| B. Second Offence              | A level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point    |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points |

## CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Game Day Presentation</b>	<p>Each club is to implement the following game day requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implement match day guidelines as provided by the FFSA.</li> <li>b. Produce a match day program.</li> <li>c. All Premier League Clubs are required to conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.</li> </ol>	
<b>Team/player photographs</b>	<p>Each club is required to provide FFSA with a headshot of each registered player and coach in Seniors, Reserves and Under 18's. If a player or coach joins the club during the season, the club must provide FFSA with a headshot of the player or coach with the new club shirt.</p>	<p>FFSA will provide an opportunity for all registered NPL Senior players only for a photoshoot prior to the commencement of the season. Clubs are required to provide headshots of players and coaches who do not attend the photoshoot.</p>
<b>Family Friendly Area</b>	<p>Each club is to implement a designated Family Friendly Area. This area is to be sectioned off and signs prohibiting alcohol or obscene language must be displayed. This area is to be patrolled by a designated ground steward who will enforce the requirements of the Family Friendly area.</p>	<p>Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play area are strongly encouraged.</p>
<b>Club Development</b>	<p>Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Program as directed by FFSA.</p> <p>Each club is required to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program</p> <p>Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by FFSA.</p>	<p>FFSA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.</p> <p><b>Non-Compliance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. First Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine.</li> <li>ii. Second Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine. plus loss of one competition point.</li> <li>iii. Third or subsequent offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points.</li> </ol>

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Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Community Development and Engagement</b>	<p>Each club is required to develop partnerships with their local schools and at minimum conduct the following activities with each school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Program and conduct at least two (2) coaching clinics with local schools.</li> <li>b. Provide local school teams with the opportunity to participate in half-time entertainment.</li> <li>c. Provide a link for school players to progress into club-based football.</li> </ul>	
<b>Regional Development and Engagement</b>	<p>Each Club will be required to develop a partnership with a regional association and at minimum undertake the following activities within their regional area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Visit the regional area at least once a year to play a game and conduct coaching clinics with juniors within the area.</li> <li>b. Develop a relationship with the coaches or regional coaching director to assist in the identification of players.</li> <li>c. Invite players to the club to provide a career pathway and talent identification.</li> </ul>	
<b>Respect Program</b>	<p>Each club is required to implement any Respect Program that is implemented by FFA and/or FFSA. This includes displaying any resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided by FFSA.</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under any Respect Program.</p>
<b>Child Safe Environment</b>	<p>Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18, undertake a criminal history check or DCSI Screening. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.</p>	<p>A copy of the Child Safe Environment Guidelines can be obtained from FFSA. All clubs are required to abide by the FFA Member Protection Policy.</p>

# STATE LEAGUE 1

## Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
<b>Field Dimensions</b>	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	
<b>Playing Surface</b>	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
<b>Field Markings</b>	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
<b>Perimeter Fence</b>	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. <b>Non-Compliance:</b> Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is not compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be compliant prior to further use.
<b>Player's Race</b>	An enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons. <b>Non -Compliance – (Refer to page 50-52 for details relating to fines)</b> A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. B. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s; a. First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. b. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. c. Subsequent offences referred to Disciplinary Hearing.



FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
<b>Technical Area</b>	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 10 people.	
<b>Field Equipment</b>	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
<b>Team Changing Rooms</b>	<p>Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time.</li> <li>II. Shower facilities with a minimum of three (3) shower heads providing hot and cold water.</li> <li>III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin.</li> <li>IV. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing.</li> <li>V. Trainers Table.</li> </ol>	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be provided in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whiteboard and pens</li> <li>• Power Points</li> </ul> <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
<b>Match Officials Changing Room</b>	<p>Allocation of a changing room that can comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time.</li> <li>II. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water.</li> <li>III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin.</li> <li>IV. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing.</li> <li>V. Table</li> </ol>	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be provided in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Points</li> </ul> <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
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<b>Medical Room and Equipment</b>	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
<b>Floodlighting</b>	Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.</p> <p>A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide FFSA a new lighting certificate prior to FFSA sanctioning of games.</p>

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## SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES

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

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## TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Senior Teams</b>	Each club is to field three grades of senior teams; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Under 18s</li> <li>b. Reserves</li> <li>c. Seniors</li> </ul>	<b>Non-Compliance</b> If a club is unable to field Senior, Reserve or Under 18s Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the State League 1 Competition.
<b>Junior Teams</b>	Each club is required to field the following junior requirements; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. At least three junior teams in three of the following age groups Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16</li> <li>b. At least three MiniRoos teams in three of the following age - Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Under 11</li> </ul>	Under 17 Age Group is optional. <b>Non-Compliance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If a club fails to nominate any of the required junior teams, the club will not be permitted into the State League 1 Competition. Consideration may be given to permit the club to participate in the State League 2 if the competition criteria is fulfilled. FFSA reserves the right to permit FFA/FFSA Development Teams or National Youth League Teams to enter without requiring to enter junior grade teams.</li> <li>b. If a club withdraws one or more of the required junior teams once the club has completed the nomination form or once the season has commenced, three competition points will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each junior team that is withdrawn. The relevant competition withdrawal fine will also be applied.</li> <li>c. If a club fails to nominate the required MiniRoos Teams, one competition point will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each MiniRoos Team that is required to meet the criteria.</li> <li>d. If a club withdraws one or more of the required MiniRoos teams once the season has commenced, one competition point will be deducted from the Senior Grade Team for each MiniRoos team that is withdrawn. The relevant withdrawal fine will also be applied.</li> </ul> <b>FFSA has the sole and absolute discretion to impose these sanctions and will take into consideration only exceptional circumstances for not fulfilling the criteria.</b>
<b>Technical Director</b>	Each club is required to appoint a Technical Director to oversee the football development of teams aged 12-18 years of age. The person appointed to this position is required to be accredited to a minimum of an <b>AFC C Licence</b> .  Technical Director must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a police certificate.	It is recommended that the Technical Director is accredited to an AFC B Licence.  The Technical Director is required to work with the FFSA Technical Director as required.

## TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

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<b>Senior Coaching Accreditation</b>	<p><b>First Team Coach</b> Minimum of AFC C Licence  <b>Reserve Team Coach</b> Minimum of Senior Licence  <b>Under 18s Coach</b> Minimum of Senior Licence  <b>All Assistant Coaches</b> Minimum of Senior Licence</p> <p>All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.</p> <p>All coaches must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a police certificate.</p>	<p>It is recommended that coaches hold the following accreditation;</p> <p><b>First Team Coach</b> Minimum of AFC B Licence  <b>Reserve Team Coach</b> Minimum of AFC C Licence  <b>Under 18s Coach</b> Minimum of AFC C Licence  <b>All Assistant Coaches</b> Minimum of AFC C Licence</p>
<b>Junior Coaching Accreditation</b>	<p><b>Under 13 – 17 Coach</b> Game Training Certificate  <b>MiniRoos – Under 12 Coach</b> Skill Training Certificate.</p> <p>All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.</p> <p>All coaches must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a criminal history check.</p>	<p>It is recommended that coaches hold the following accreditation;</p> <p><b>Under 13-17 Coach</b> Minimum of Youth AFCC Licence</p>
<b>Annual Coaching Conference</b>	The Technical Director and Head Coach of each club are required to attend FFSA annual Coaching Conference.	
<b>Community Club Academy</b>	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club. FFSA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.
<b>Football for Girls and Women</b>	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to demonstrate a commitment to football for girls and women. This may be achieved by developing a partnership with a local girls' and women's club or by fielding girls' and/or women's teams.

## CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Club Liaison Officers</b>	<p>Each club is required to implement people to the following positions to assist with communication between the FFSA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Registrar - FFA Registration System</li> <li>• Senior Competition Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Media Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Club Development Liaison Officer</li> </ul> <p>All appointed officers must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a criminal history check or DCSI screening.</p>	<p>Job descriptions for each role will be provided by FFSA and is available on the FFSA website.</p>
<b>Youth Training Plan</b>	<p>Each club is required to develop and implement a Youth Training Plan that outlines the vision and goals of the training program for all underage teams from Under 12 to 17. This plan must be consistent with the National Curriculum Program.</p>	<p>Each club is to submit the Youth Training Plan by 1 February of each year.</p> <p>FFSA Technical Director will assist clubs in the planning and development of the plan.</p>
<b>Annual Budget</b>	<p>All clubs are required to provide to FFSA a yearly budget by the 1 January of each year.</p>	<p>This requirement is to be provided to FFSA prior to the club being permitted to participate in the competition.</p>
<b>Annual Report</b>	<p>Clubs are to submit an Annual Report to FFSA summarising the activities undertaken by the club for the year. The report is to include a financial report that at minimum meets the club's incorporation requirements.</p>	<p>1 February each year</p>
<b>Business Plan</b>	<p>Each club is required is to develop and implement a Business Plan and a longer-term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.</p>	<p>On application of the new licence period and then 1 February each year as updated.</p>
<b>Date of AGM</b>	<p>Each club is to notify FFSA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.</p>	<p>14 days prior to the date of the AGM.</p>

## MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Senior Team Medical Personnel</b>	<p>Minimum Level 1 Sports Trainer is required</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the FFA Registration System registration system and provide proof of accreditation/ qualification by uploading their accreditation into the system.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a police certificate.</p>	Recommend a minimum Level 2 Sports Trainer be appointed.
<b>Junior Teams Medical Personnel</b>	<p><b>U12s – 17s Teams</b>     Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p><b>MiniRoos Teams</b>     Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the FFA Registration System registration system and provide proof of accreditation/ qualification by uploading their accreditation into the system.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a criminal history check.</p>	
<b>Medical Room</b>	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
<b>Medical Equipment</b>	Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel.	<p>Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.</p> <p>FFSA strongly encourages each Club to install a defibrillator at their venue/s. FFSA acknowledges this is a decision for the individual Club and will not be held responsible for any Club that does not install a defibrillator or maintain it in a state fit for purpose.</p>

## MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Medical Reporting</b>	<p>Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical form should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team.</p> <p>If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First aid person is to complete a injury report form.</p>	<p>All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access.</p> <p>Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and FFSA if required.</p>
<b>Professional Development</b>	<p>Appointed medical personnel are required to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by FFSA.</p>	<p>Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.</p>



## SIGNAGE AND LOGOS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Ground Signage</b>	Each club is to provide space 2400-3000 x 1000 for Football Federation SA signs to be displayed at all home venues.	Football Federation SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football Federation SA.
<b>Logo - Football Federation SA</b>	The logo of the FFSA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the FFSA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the <b>breast or right sleeve</b> and is to be 60mm x 60mm in size.	
<b>Logo – Football Federation SA Sponsor</b>	The logo of the Football Federation SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade playing strips.	
<b>Logo – Club</b>	FFSA must approve all club’s logos that appear on a club playing strip. Approval will be provided in accordance with the National Club Identity Policy	

### Non-Compliance

FFSA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 50-52 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence               | A level 3 fine                                       |
| B. Second Offence              | A level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point    |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points |

## CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Game Day Presentation</b>	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by the FFSA.	It is recommended that each club implements the following; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Produce a match day program.</li> <li>b. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.</li> </ol>
<b>Team/player photographs</b>	Each club is required to provide FFSA with a headshot of each registered player and coach in Seniors, Reserves and Under 18's.	If a player or coach joins the club during the season, the club must provide FFSA with a headshot of the player or coach with the new club shirt.
<b>Family Friendly Area</b>	No Requirement	Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play area are strongly encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
<b>Club Development</b>	<p>Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Program as directed by FFSA.</p> <p>Each club is required to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program</p> <p>Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by FFSA.</p>	<p>FFSA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.</p> <p><b>Non-Compliance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. First Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine.</li> <li>ii. Second Offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point.</li> <li>iii. Third or subsequent offence of not meeting timeframes - a level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points.</li> </ol>
<b>Community Development and Engagement</b>	No Requirement.	<p>It is recommended that a club develop partnerships with their local schools and at minimum conduct the following activities with each school:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Program and conduct at least 2 coaching clinics with local schools.</li> <li>b. Provide local school teams with the opportunity to participate in half-time entertainment.</li> <li>c. Provide a link for school players to progress into club based football.</li> </ol>

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<b>Respect Program</b>	Each club is required to implement the any Respect Program implemented by FFA and/or FFSA. This includes displaying of all resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided by FFSA.	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under the Respect Program.
<b>Child Safe Environment</b>	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18, undertake the criminal history check or DCSI Screening. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Guidelines can be obtained from FFSA. All clubs are required to abide by the FFA Member Protection Policy.

# STATE LEAGUE TWO

## Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
<b>Field Dimensions</b>	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	
<b>Playing Surface</b>	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult with their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
<b>Field Markings</b>	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
<b>Perimeter Fence</b>	No Requirement	It is recommended that a permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA, fully encloses the field of play and that it is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced.
<b>Player's Race</b>	No requirement	It is recommended that the venue has an enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play. The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
<b>Technical Area</b>	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 10 people.	
<b>Field Equipment</b>	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.

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<b>Match Officials Dressing Room</b>	<p>Separate changing room to accommodate match officials. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Sufficient space to accommodate up to four match officials at any given time.</li> <li>II. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water.</li> <li>III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin.</li> </ol>	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hooks to hang clothes</li> <li>• Power points</li> </ul> <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>
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<b>Car Parking</b>	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
<b>Scoreboard</b>	No Requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a scoreboard, identifying home and away teams.
<b>Smoke Free Venues</b>	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
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<b>Junior Teams</b>	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to field junior and MiniRoos teams in the following age groups;  Junior Teams – Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 MiniRoos Teams – Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11										
<b>Technical Director</b>	No Requirement	It is recommended that if the club field junior teams that a Technical Director is appointed. Technical Director should be accredited to a minimum of an AFC C Licence.										
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## TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

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<b>Annual Coaching Conference</b>	It is required that the Head Coach of each club attend FFSA annual Coaching Conference	
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## CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Club Liaison Officers</b>	<p>Each club is required to implement a person to undertake the following positions to assist with communication between the FFSA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Registrar - FFA Registration System</li> <li>• Senior Competition Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer (if the club field junior teams)</li> </ul> <p>All appointed officers must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a History Record Check or DCSI Screening.</p>	<p>All appointed officers must be registered in the FFA Registration System and must undertake the required child safe environment guidelines.</p> <p>Job descriptions for each role will be provided by FFSA and is available on the FFSA website.</p>
<b>Youth Training Plan</b>	No Requirement	<p>If the club fields junior teams, the club is encouraged to develop and implement a Youth Training Plan that outlines the vision and goals of the training program for all underage teams from Under 12 to 17. This plan must be consistent with the National Curriculum Program.</p> <p>Each club is to submit the Youth Training Plan by 1 February of each year. FFSA Technical Director will assist clubs in the planning and development of the plan.</p>
<b>Annual Budget</b>	All clubs are required to provide to FFSA a yearly budget by the 1 January of each year.	This requirement is to be provided to FFSA prior to the club being permitted to participate in the competition.
<b>Annual Report</b>	No Requirement	
<b>Business Plan</b>	No Requirement.	Each club is encouraged to develop and implement a Business Plan and a Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.
<b>Date of AGM</b>	Each club is to notify FFSA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

## MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Senior Team Medical Personnel</b>	<p>Minimum Senior First Aid Officer.</p> <p>All appointed officers must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a police certificate.</p>	Clubs are encouraged to appoint a Level 1 Sports Trainer.
<b>Junior Teams Medical Personnel</b>	<p>Clubs that field junior teams must ensure that there is a person in attendance that has a minimum of a Senior First Aid certificate.</p> <p>All appointed officers must be registered on FFA Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide FFSA with a criminal history check.</p>	
<b>Medical Equipment</b>	<p>Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel.</p> <p>Each club must ensure that there is a stretcher at the venue and that the stretcher is put near the field of play prior to the commencement of each game.</p>	<p>Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.</p> <p>FFSA strongly encourages each Club to install a defibrillator at their venue/s. FFSA acknowledges this is a decision for the individual Club and will not be held responsible for any Club that does not install a defibrillator or maintain it in a state fit for purpose</p>
<b>Medical Reporting</b>	<p>Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical forms should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team.</p> <p>If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First Aid person is to complete a injury report form.</p>	<p>All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access. Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and FFSA if required.</p>
<b>Professional Development</b>	Appointed medical personnel are encouraged to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by FFSA.	Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.

<b>SIGNAGE AND LOGOS</b>		
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Minimum Requirement</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Ground Signage</b>	No Requirement	Football Federation SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football Federation SA.
<b>Logo - Football Federation SA</b>	The logo of the FFSA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the FFSA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the <b>breast or right sleeve</b> and is to be 60mm x 60mm in size.	
<b>Logo – Football Federation SA Sponsor</b>	The logo of the Football Federation SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade playing strips.	
<b>Logo – Club</b>	FFSA must approve all club’s logos that appear on a clubs playing strip. Approval will be provided in accordance with the National Club Identity Policy.	

### **Non-Compliance**

FFSA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 50-52 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence               | A level 3 fine                                       |
| B. Second Offence              | A level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point    |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points |

## CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
<b>Game Day Presentation</b>	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by the FFSA.	It is recommended that each club implements the following; d. Produce a match day program. e. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.
<b>Team/player photographs</b>	Each club is required to provide FFSA with a headshot of each registered player and coach in Seniors, Reserves and Under 18's.	If a player or coach joins the club during the season, the club must provide FFSA with a headshot of the player or coach with the new club shirt.
<b>Family Friendly Area</b>	No Requirement	Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play area is encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
<b>Club Development</b>	Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Program as directed by FFSA.  Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by FFSA.	Details of the National Club Accreditation Program will be provided to clubs. Each club is encouraged to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program.  FFSA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.
<b>Respect Program</b>	Each club is required to implement any Respect Program implemented by FFA and/or FFSA. This includes displaying of all resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided by FFSA.	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under the Respect Program.
<b>Child Safe Environment</b>	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18, undertake the Security Clearance Procedure. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Guidelines can be obtained from FFSA. All clubs are required to abide by the FFA Member Protection Policy.

## **COMPETITION OPERATIONS**

### **1. Admission Charges and Season Passes**

- a. The following maximum admission charges shall apply for all matches of FFSA competitions played at local club grounds. FFSA shall review admission charges on an annual basis.

#### **National Premier League**

\$15.00 Adults            \$7.00 Concession            Under 16 Free

#### **State League 1**

\$10.00 Adults            \$5.00 Concession            Under 16 Free

#### **\*State League 2**

\$5.00 Adults            \$2.00 Concession            Under 16 Free

\* Admission Charges for State League 2 will apply where the venue is fenced and access is through an admission point.

Note: Provisions for family tickets available all prices include GST.

- b. FFSA shall issue on a yearly basis to designated persons a Season Pass to cover admission into specified matches throughout the season. Passes will be provided to each individual registered player, registered club officials, nominated club sponsors, Hall of Fame and Life Members, FFSA Board Members, Staff and sponsors, media, match officials and any other parties as determined by FFSA. These passes shall allow individual entry into matches unless otherwise specified.

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

Season passes are not transferrable and are provided at the sole discretion of FFSA.

- c. If a club identifies that a season pass has been transferred, the club can confiscate the pass and forward it on to FFSA.

### **2. Kick-off Times and Duration of Matches**

- a. Competition Fixtures may be scheduled to be played Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday or as scheduled by FFSA.
- b. Prior to the release of official fixtures, FFSA will consult clubs by providing draft fixtures for comment.
- c. Once the official fixtures have been released, FFSA will only permit changes to these fixtures where extenuating circumstances require. Any change is at the sole discretion of FFSA.
- d. Where a mid-week fixture is conducted, no game may commence prior to 6.15pm and no later than 8.15pm. These times may only vary at the sole and absolute discretion of FFSA.
- e. All Senior, Reserve and Under 18 grade games shall be of 90 minutes duration. In all cases additional allowances for lost time as per the FIFA Laws of the game is permissible subject to time restrictions at each venue on match days.

Match Officials shall adjust playing times accordingly ensuring the proceeding games kick off at the scheduled time. Unless otherwise notified by FFSA.

### **3. Registration of Players**

- a. All players must be registered to participate in the FFSA Competitions.
- b. FFSA will provide to clubs on an annual basis the dates that players can be registered.
- c. The registration of an amateur player wishing to participate in the senior men's league competition shall be permitted up to the 30th of June of each season. A request to register a player after the 30 June may be submitted to FFSA for consideration in accordance with clause 4.7 of the National Registration Regulations. Any decision is at the sole discretion of FFSA.

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

### **4. Eligibility of Players**

- a. Players who are aged up to 18, or who turn 18 in the year of competition, are eligible to play in the Under 18. There is no provision to allow overage players in this competition.

Any club who breaches this rule shall be subject to the sanctions as per the unregistered, suspended and ineligible players rule. Refer to clause 61 of FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

- b. It should be noted that where clubs have teams participating on the same round it may call for players to play in a higher grade. However, once a player has played in that higher grade on that particular round he shall become ineligible to play in a lower grade for his club on the same round of matches (including the final series). This applies even where the same round of games is played on different weekends. It must be noted that the Senior Competition is classified as a separate competition to that of the junior competition and consequently this rule will not apply to the movement of junior players.
- c. Goalkeepers are exempt from this ruling.
- d. Where a player moves from one club to another and participates in the same competition, the player is not permitted to play in a round that they had played in for their previous club.

### **5. Substitution of Players**

- a. A team may only use in a match, substitutes named on the team sheet.
- b. Clubs shall not nominate more than five substitutes on their team sheets.
- c. No team shall use more than three of the five substitutes in any match.

**Penalty:** Level 2 fine. Refer to page 50-52 for details relating to fines.

### **6. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Minor Infringements – Yellow Cards**

A player must serve a mandatory match suspension for the accumulation of yellow cards in line with clause 75 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations. Where a league is conducted that consists of 21 or more games, if a player

has not accumulated five yellow cards at the conclusion of Round 18, a suspension will only be applied once a player has accumulated 8 yellow cards.

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

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

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

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

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

## **7. Player Points System and Player Remuneration**

- a. All clubs involved in the National Premier League are required to abide by the Player Points System as outlined in Appendix 1.
- b. All clubs that participate in the State League 1 are required to provide to FFSA a Player Roster of their first team in a format outlined by FFSA on an annual basis.
- c. Any remuneration paid to a player must be in accordance with the National Registration Regulations for Amateur and Professional Players;
  - i. An Amateur Player is a player that is not paid to play football. The player may be reimbursed expenses for playing football.
  - ii. A Professional Player is a player paid to play football. A Professional Player Contract, NRR05, must be completed by the club and the player in accordance with the National Registration Regulations and no other agreement between the two parties is to exist.
  - iii. A club that participates in the National Premier League, State League 1 and State League 2 may reimburse an amateur player up to a maximum of \$200.00 per week for a maximum of 40 weeks in a calendar year. A player that is paid more than this amount must be placed on a Professional Player Contract or the onus is on the club to satisfy the Competition Administrator that the amount paid accurately reflects expenses incurred by the player.
- d. The total remuneration paid or provided by Leagues Clubs to their players in any Calendar year shall not exceed the following amounts:
  - (i) \$150,000 for a National Premier League Club.
  - (ii) \$90,000 for a State League (s) Club

These amounts will be reviewed by FFSA on an annual basis.

- e. Each club shall keep proper books and records of all remuneration paid to its players and shall make the books and records available for inspection as requested by FFSA.
- f. FFSA may at its sole discretion undertake to audit a club. The club/s nominated will be required to follow the requirements of the audit.
- g. Any audit conducted on a club shall be undertaken by an accountant who is a registered company auditor or a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

In this Clause, "remuneration" includes:

- (i) signing-on fees, salaries, wages and other money paid by a Club to its players or any of them,
  - (ii) the amount or value of any gift, prize or award given or made by the Club to its players or any of them,
  - (iii) the value of any other benefit provided or given by a Club to its players or any of them (including, for example, the provision of accommodation or the use of a motor vehicle or other thing at no charge or less than a fair market rent or charge), and
- h. any such payment made, or benefit provided, by the Club to any person who is related to, or resides with, any of its players but does not include the reimbursement to the player of expenses actually incurred by the player, or the payment by the Club of expenses actually incurred by it, for:
    - (i) the player's travel and accommodation necessarily incurred through the player's participation in a match, or
    - (ii) the player's equipment, training and insurance.
  - i. The salary cap conditions will not be applied to an A-League Club Youth League Team (Adelaide United Football Club - AUFC) that participates in the competition.

Where a Youth League Team (AUFC) participates in the competition the following requirements will be applied;

1. AUFC will be required to field a Senior and Reserve Squad in the FFSA Competition.
2. AUFC is permitted to name a maximum of 36 players based on the following criteria; The Player must:
  - (a) Be aged 20 years of age or under as of the 30 December of that year.
  - (b) Be an Australian Player as defined by the Hyundai A-League & Foxtel National Youth League Player Contract Regulations, specifically clause 4.2 for both amateur and Contracted NYL Players and HAL Players.

and these Players maybe:

- (c) HAL Players;



(d) Contracted NYL Players; or

(e) Amateur NYL Players.

3. In addition to the 36 players outlined in clause 2, AUFC may seek approval from FFSA, in its sole and absolute discretion, to register up to three (3) Players to their senior NPL Player Roster who are older than the eligible youth age bracket prescribed at clause 2(a) where the following criteria are satisfied in respect of that Player:

(a) The Player must be an Australian Player as defined in clause 4.1 of the Hyundai A League & Foxtel National Youth League Player Contract Regulations; and

(b) The Player must be aged between 21 and 23 years of age as of the 30 December of that year.

(c) The Player must have appeared in the starting eleven (11) in no more than ten (10) matches during the most recent Hyundai A-League season for any Hyundai A-League Club; and

I. The Player is currently registered with the NYL Team's Hyundai A-League Club on an SPC; or

II. The Player's immediately prior registration was as an NYL amateur for the NYL season.

4. Adelaide United will be required to name and submit their roster to FFSA by the 31 January of each season.

In addition to the players named on the Players Roster, Adelaide United are permitted to use the players that are registered in the National Training Centre Team to play in their Reserve or First Team.

5. AUFC may request in writing an alteration to their submitted roster based on injury or other exceptional circumstances. Any decision is at the sole and absolute discretion of the FFSA.

6. All players must be registered in FFA Registration System registration system in accordance with clause 61 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

7. In the event that the AUFC Youth Team is crowned League Premiers, the team is not eligible to represent South Australia in the FFA National Premier League Finals Series. The qualifier will be the second placed team.

8. AUFC Youth Team is eligible to participate in a final series that is conducted by FFSA in the competition.

9. AUFC Youth Team is eligible to be promoted and/or relegated from any competition in which it participates.

10. AUFC will not be eligible to receive prize money.

**Penalty:** If a player is played that does not meet the above criteria, the club will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be in breach of Clause 61 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations. The penalty being a forfeit of the game and a forfeit fine.

## **8. Match Officials**

- a. All senior Men's matches shall have a full complement of match officials, being a Referee and two (2) assistant referees where possible. In the case of the senior grade game, if the full complement of match officials is not present within 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be postponed.
- b. In the case of Reserve and Under 18 grade games, if at least one referee is not in attendance within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the games shall be postponed.
- c. If the referee or assistant referee does not attend the fixture or is unable to officiate the fixture through injury or other reason, the club and the appointed match official are to contact the relevant FFSA contact person 30 minutes prior to the fixture, where possible.

## **9. Online Team Squads**

- a. Each NPL Club is required to submit their on-line team lists through the FFSA Competition Management System by 12.00noon Thursday prior to the weekend game.
- b. Each State League Clubs is required to submit their on-line team lists through the FFSA Competition Management system by 9.00am Friday prior to the weekend game.

### **Penalty for not providing the team lists within the timeframe**

Level 1 Fine Refer to page 50-52 for details relating to fines.

## **10. Notification of Results**

- a. Unless FFSA direct otherwise, the match official of the senior grade game shall be responsible for reporting the result of each match, the goal scorers and any other information that may be required by FFSA.
- b. Where there is no senior grade game being played, the Referee of the highest-grade game being played at the venue, is required to submit the results.

## **11. Ground Stewards**

- a. All senior and reserve teams shall provide at each match a minimum of three (3) ground stewards
- b. All Under 18 teams shall provide at each match a minimum of one (1) ground steward.
- c. Where the field of play is not fenced, the home team is responsible for providing a minimum of five (5) Ground Stewards for the Senior Grade Game.
- d. The Disciplinary Committee and/or FFSA have the discretionary power to require a club to allocate more Ground Stewards where the club has been reported for poor behaviour.

For further information on Ground Stewards refer to Clause 23 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

## 12. Meetings

All Senior Men's clubs shall ensure that a club representative attends all meetings as scheduled by the FFSA. Meetings will be notified in a timely manner, where possible.

## FINAL SERIES

### 1. The Competition

A final series may be conducted in the National Premier League, State League 1 and State League 2 at the conclusion of their respective home and away season. The final series may involve Seniors, Reserves and Under 18 teams.

FFSA will determine, in consultation with the clubs, the structure and format of any final series to be conducted. Details will be notified to clubs prior to the season commencing.

- a. The team that finishes top of at the home and away season in the Seniors, Reserves and Under 18s, where a final series is conducted, will be referred to as League Premiers.
- b. The winner of the Final Series Competition shall be referred to as League Champions.
- c. Where there is no final series, the team that finishes first in their respective competition will be declared the League Champions.
- d. Where the format of the Final Series provides for home and away legs, the away goals rule will be applied. By the **away goals rule**, the team that has scored more **goals "away from home"** will win if scores are otherwise equal.

### 2. Host Clubs Responsibilities

- a. Host clubs for finals will be determined by their finishing position at the conclusion of the Home and Away season.
- b. FFSA will have the sole and absolute discretion over the allocation of venues for all games played in the final series.
- c. Host clubs are responsible for all costs associated with the hosting of the games including the payment of all match officials. Any variance to this is at the sole and absolute discretion of FFSA.
- d. Revenue from the games will remain with the host club unless prior arrangement has been made between host club and venue management.
- e. The clubs involved in the final series will be required to provide the necessary ground stewards as per Clause 23 of FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations and Clause 11 of Competition Operating Regulations however FFSA may require the host club to provide additional ground and/or crowd security.

### 3. Kick Off Times & Duration of Matches

- a. Fixtures for the final series will be set by FFSA in conjunction with the hosting club.
- b. All matches shall be of 90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10-minute interval at half time.

In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time two periods of extra time of 2 x 15 Minutes will be played. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time, the result shall be determined by penalty kicks in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Note: FFSA will not sanction any other games to be played which are deemed to be in conflict with this competition.

#### **4. Eligibility of Players**

No player shall be permitted to play for more than one (1) Club in the final series.

##### **a. Reserve Teams**

To be eligible to play in the finals series players must have played at least six (6) matches with the Reserve Team during the Home and Away season. Clubs are permitted to use players from their Under 18s and/or junior teams without them having to play the required number of games as outlined above.

##### **b. Under 18 Teams**

To be eligible to play in the finals series players within the age ruling as per the FFSA competition regulations must have played at least six (6) matches with the Under 18 Team during the Home and Away season. Clubs are permitted to use players from their Under 17s and/or junior teams without them having to play the required number of games as outlined above. Where a junior player, that is a player that plays in the FFSA Junior Competition, has played in six or more games in the Reserves or Senior Grade, the player will not be eligible to play in the Under 18s.

c. FFSA in its sole and absolute discretion may in extenuating circumstances provide an exemption for a player to play who does not meet the above criteria.

##### **d. Important Note:**

It should be noted that where clubs have teams participating on the same round of the final series it may call for players to play in a higher grade. However, once a player has played in that higher grade during that particular round of matches, he shall become ineligible to play in a lower grade for his club on the same round of matches.

e. Participated means that the player must have played in the game. A player that is named on the team sheet as a substitute but does not go onto the field of play, is not regarded as having participated in the game.

##### **f. Goalkeepers**

Any Goalkeeper who is within the age restriction shall be eligible to play as a goal-keeper in either the reserves or under 18 final series and the above restrictions for matches in the Reserve & Under 18 grades DO NOT apply.

##### **g. Penalty due to fielding ineligible players**

Any club that fields a team with an ineligible player that is in breach of the age and match qualifications as detailed in these operating regulations will be deemed to have breached the ineligible, unregistered or suspended rule as outlined in clause 61 of FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

#### **5. Substitution of Players**

a. There shall not be more than three (3) players permitted to be substituted during any stage of the match.

- b. If a game goes into extra-time, each team is permitted to use an extra substitute. For clarification, a team can use a maximum of three substitutes up to the end of normal time. Once the game goes into extra- time, a fourth substitute may be used.

**6. Player Suspensions**

Carry over suspensions from the Home and Away league shall apply.

- a. A player who receives three yellow cards during the final series shall be suspended for one match.
- b. All yellow cards at the conclusion of the series shall be expunged prior to the next scheduled competition unless the player has received a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards.
- c. If a player receives a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards, and their team is no longer in the final series or the next game is the Grand Final, the suspension shall be served in Round 1 of the next season's competition.
- d. A player who receives a Red Card during this competition shall be suspended in accordance with Clause 77 of FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations and National Disciplinary Regulations. If the player receives a red card the suspension is to be served in the next competitive game/s.

**7. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

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

**8. Notification of Results**

Please refer to Clause 10, Competition Operations, of these regulations.

**9. Admission Charges**

Admission charges shall apply for all matches of this competition as outlined in – Clause 1 Admission Charges and Season Passes of these regulations. Season Passes are not permitted to be used during the Final Series. Admission charges for the Grand Final shall be set by FFSA on an annual basis.

**10. Prize Money and Presentation**

Refer to Clause 46 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations and Appendix 3 of this document.

**11. Match Balls**

Refer to Clause 40 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

## **CUP COMPETITION**

FFSA will conduct the Preliminary Rounds of the National Cup Competition known as the FFA Cup (FFA) for Senior Grade Teams. In addition, a knock out cup competition will be conducted for Reserve and Under 18 Grades.

Teams that do not participate in the Senior Men's Competition but are affiliated to FFSA may register to participate in the Preliminary Rounds of the FFA Cup by completing the registration form. This will be distributed on an annual basis.

### **1. Team Entry**

- a. All teams currently participating in the Senior Men's Competitions, that being Seniors, Reserves and Under 18s, will be required to participate in the Cup competitions conducted by FFSA each season. The club will be responsible for paying an annual registration fee associated with the cup competition as prescribed by FFA and/or FFSA.
- b. All teams participating in affiliated competitions or associations will be required to register annually to participate.

### **2. Draw**

- a. A draw shall be undertaken by FFSA with the participating clubs invited to attend the draw for each round of the cup. The name of each club involved in the competition shall be placed into the draw. Teams will be drawn out one at a time to determine the fixture. The first team drawn out will be the home team, the second team to be drawn out, will be the away team. Teams will be drawn out until no further teams are left. If there is a team left in the draw, this team will be allocated a bye.
- b. If the senior team is drawn to play at home, where possible, the Reserve and Under 18 Cup teams will play at the same venue as the senior team.
- c. The number of rounds to be conducted will be determined on an annual basis based on the number of teams that nominate to participate in the cup competition. This information will be communicated to all clubs in a timely manner and outlined in the Calendar of Events.

### **3. Kick off Times and Duration of Matches**

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

### **4. Eligibility of Players**

- a. All players must be registered with their club in the FFA Registration System registration system.
- b. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in the Cup Competition.
- c. Players, once having crossed the line of play in the Cup Competition shall be cup tied to that club.

- d. A player that has played for their club in the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds, is ineligible to play in the Under 18s or Reserves Federation Cup for their club.
- e. Once a player has played for a team within their club, the player may move up and play in a higher-grade cup competition for their club but once they have played in the higher-grade cup competition they are not permitted to move back down and play in the lower grade cup competition for their club.
- f. A goalkeeper from a lower grade may move up and play in a higher-grade cup competition and then move back down to the grade that the goalkeeper came from.

## 5. Substitution of Players

- a. A maximum of three (3) players are permitted to be substituted during any stage of a match in a cup competition.
- b. If a game goes into extra-time, each team is permitted to use an extra substitute. For clarification, a team can use a maximum of three substitutes up to the end of normal time. Once the game goes into extra-time, a fourth substitute may be used.

## 6. Player Suspensions

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

Penalty - \$25.00 Fine

- b. All yellow cards will be reset prior to the commencement of the semi-finals unless if the player has received a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards. If a player receives a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards, the suspension will be served in the semi-final or where the team has been knocked out of the cup, in the **next competitive cup competition** match.
- c. All yellow cards will be reset at the conclusion of the cup competition unless the player has received a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards, the suspension will be served in the next competitive cup competition match.
- d. A player who receives a Red Card during the cup competition shall be suspended in accordance with Clause 77 of FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations and National Disciplinary Regulations. Any suspension will be served in the **next competitive game/s** that the club participates in.

Penalty - \$50.00 per red card – Refer to page 50-52 for fines and penalties.

## 7. Host Venues

- a. The first named team shall be the Home team.
- b. FFSA will be responsible for allocating games to host venues. Where games are being hosted, the host club shall be responsible for all costs associated with hosting the games including payment of match officials for all games hosted. The host club will retain all gate receipts and canteen and bar revenue.

- c. Once the Competition reaches the Quarter Final stage, Clubs whose registered ground does not meet the Competition Operations Regulations Ground Criteria and have been drawn to play at home against a Club whose ground does meet the prescribed regulations will have the fixture transferred to the opposing Club's ground or as determined by FFSA.
- d. Semi Final and Final games will be played at neutral venues where possible and these venues will be at the sole discretion of FFSA

**8. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

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

**9. Notification of Results**

In accordance with Clause 10 of these regulations.

**10. Admission Charges**

- a. The admission charges to be applied by clubs hosting a cup game shall be the same fee that the club charges for a home game fixture as outlined in Clause 1 of these regulations.
- b. If the club is not a National Premier or State League(s) club, the club shall charge the fee that they normally charge at their home venue.

Note: There may be a provision for family tickets. All prices include GST.

- c. Admission for Players and officials into grounds on match days will be by a current season pass excluding semi-final and final games. Season passes will not be valid for semi-final and final games.

**11. Forfeits**

Clubs who forfeit a Cup match, will forfeit the game by 3 goals to 0 and will incur the prescribed fine. Refer to page 50-52 for details relating to fines.

Prescribed Fine	Senior Games	Level 4 Fine
	Reserves	Level 3 Fine
	Under 18s	Level 2 Fine

**12. Semi-Finals and Finals**

- a. Semi-Final and Final games shall be played at neutral venues and will be allocated at the sole and absolute discretion of FFSA.
- b. The first team named in the draw for semi-final and final games will be the home team and will wear their allocated home playing strip.
- c. The admission fee for Semi-Final and Final games will be set by FFSA on an annual basis.



- d. Match Official Fees for the Semi Final and Final games shall be paid by FFSA.
- e. FFSA will be responsible for organising trophies and medals for all cup competitions and the presentation of them to teams.
- f. A Man of the Match Medal may be presented at the final of the Senior Grade Cup Competition. FFSA will be responsible for determining the process to be used in awarding this medal.

## PENALTIES AND FINES

### Summary of Fines

Penalties relating to breaches of FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations and Operating Regulations are stipulated at the end of each rule or regulation, where a penalty is applicable. Clubs should also refer to the minimum competition requirements for noncompliance.

For full details of the sanction please refer to the relevant ruling in the Competition Rules and Regulations and/or Competition Operating Regulations.

### Scale of Penalties

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

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

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

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

Level 2 Fine.

Level 4 Fine for non-compliance of sponsor signage.

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

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

All Senior Grades           Level 2 Fine

All other teams           Level 1 Fine

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

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

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

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

#### f. Forfeit of Games

Senior NPL League Team	Level 4 fine
Reserve League Team	Level 3 Fine
Under 18 League Team	Level 2 Fine

Senior State League Teams	Level 3 fine
Reserve League Team	Level 2 Fine
Under 18 League Team	Level 1 Fine

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

**g. Rule 39 – Competition Rules and Regulations - Teams Sheets and Match Reports**

**Incomplete Team Sheets**

NPL Senior Team	\$Level 2
State Senior Teams	Level 1
All other teams	\$50.00

**Altering a team sheet once a game has commenced**

NPL League Team	Level 3 Fine
State Senior League Teams	Level 2 Fine
All other teams	Level 1 Fine

**Playing a registered player not listed on the team sheet**

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

**h. Rule 40 – Competition Rules and Regulations - Match Balls**

Use of non-sanctioned match balls. All teams.  
Level 2 Fine

**i. Rule 56 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Registration of Team Officials**

Non-Compliance	First Offence	Level 2 Fine
	Second Offence	Level 3 Fine
	Subsequent Offence	Disciplinary Hearing

**j. Rule 61 – Competition Rules and Regulations - Playing of an Unregistered, Ineligible and Suspended Player**

NPL League Team	Level 3 Fine
State Senior League Teams	Level 2 Fine
All other teams	Level 1 Fine

**k. Rule 62 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Ring-Ins (Playing a player under assumed or false name)**

NPL League Team	Level 4 Fine
State Senior League Teams	Level 3 Fine
All other teams	Level 2 Fine

**I. Rule 9 – Competition Operating Regulations – Online Team Squads**

Not providing Senior Team List within required timeframe      Level 1 Fine

**m. Rule 75-77 – Competition Rules and Regulations – Red and Yellow Cards**

Accumulation of 5, 8 and 11 Yellow Cards      \$25.00 (No fine is to be paid if 5 cards are not received)

Accumulation of 14 and 17 Yellow Cards      \$50.00

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

**n. Appeals**

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

**Example 1**

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

**Example 2**

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

Appeal Fee      \$500.00

### Football Federation Australia – National Premier Leagues

A key outcome of the National Competitions Review (**NCR**) conducted in 2012 was the introduction of the Player Points System (**PPS**) to complement the Club Licensing framework for the National Premier Leagues (**NPL**). The objectives of the PPS are to:

- Provide greater opportunities to Australian Players;
- Promote a greater focus on the importance of youth development;
- Ensure Player salaries remain at levels which ensure the long term sustainability of NPL Clubs;
- Promote Players through the Club youth development structures;
- Increase the stability of NPL Club Player Rosters;
- Maintain competitive balance and parity amongst the NPL Clubs;
- Incentivise Players progressing through to national elite pathway teams (**National Elite Pathway Team**) to return to their original NPL Clubs; and
- Reward Clubs who develop Players that progress through to a National Elite Pathway Team.

The PPS encourages NPL Clubs to simultaneously promote greater focus on youth development whilst delivering the outcomes and objectives of the NCR.

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**.

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.

The Points Cap for the 2019 season will be set by each Member Federation, in consultation with FFA, up to a maximum of 200 points.

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.

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.

## PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
<b>Youth Player</b>	-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> <li>• The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points.</li> </ul>
<b>Visa Player</b>	+10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Visa Player is any Player who is <b>not</b> 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>
<b>Homegrown Player</b>	-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> <li>• The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points.</li> </ul>
<b>Loyalty Player</b>	-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>
<b>Switching Player</b>	+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>(a) he was registered as a professional with his previous Club (this does not apply to the nominated Australian Marquee Player); or</li> <li>(b) 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>
<b>Pathway Player</b>	0	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.
<b>Australian Marquee Player</b>	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 Hyundai 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 one (1) Player on its First Team Player Roster nominated as its Australian Marquee Player at any one time.</li> </ul>

### **Points Deductions**

An NPL Club's Points Total can be decreased in accordance with the following provisions:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Points Bonus</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
<b>Youth Player Advancement</b>	-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 signed by 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>

<b>First Team Player Advancement</b>	-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>
<b>Promoted Club</b>	-20 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Promoted Club will receive a deduction of 20 points from their Points Total. 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.</li> </ul>

### **GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES**

The general definitions are provided for ease of reference.

The following discussion points and examples are intended to provide Member Federations and NPL Clubs with further clarity with respect to each of the PPS categories.

### **GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

#### **First Team**

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

#### **First Team Player Roster**

First Team Player Roster means the roster of Players for a NPL Club's First Team maintained in accordance with the Player Points System and any other NPL competition regulations provided by the applicable Member Federation.

#### **National Elite Pathway Team**

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

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



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

### **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 each Member Federation.

For clarity:

- where NPL Competitions commence from Under 12s, these include Under 12s through to Under 20s
- where NPL Competitions commence from Under 13s, these include Under 13s through to Under 20s

### **NPL Club**

NPL Club means any entity admitted by a Member Federation to field a team in the NPL.

### **NPL Finals Series**

NPL Finals Series is the national eight (8) team knockout competition staged by, or under the control of, FFA 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 FFA 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 this document.

### **Points Cap**

Points Cap means the permitted total value of a NPL Club's Points Total, as determined by the Member Federation, in consultation with FFA, up to a maximum of 200 points.

### **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 premier 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.
- A NPL Club may promote a Player from its NPL Age-Eligible Teams to play for its First Team up to a maximum of 40% of matches throughout a NPL season without being required to include such Player on the First Team Player Roster. In order for such Player to be eligible to play in more than 40% of the matches in the NPL season, the Player must be included on the NPL Club's 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 2019 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:

<b><i>Player's Age as at 31 December in current NPL season</i></b>	<b><i>Points Deduction</i></b>
22 years of age	-1
21 years of age	-2
20 years of age	-3
19 years of age	-4
18 years of age and Under	-5

### **Australian Player**

An Australian Player is any Player who is:

- a citizen of Australia;
- a Permanent Resident of Australia (where Permanent Resident means a person 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
- 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 Hyundai 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 2010 and 2013 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 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (continuous seasons). If also registered in 2019, he will be eligible to receive his first point reduction of one (1) point as a Loyalty Player in the 2018 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 2015, 2016 and 2017 (continuous seasons), however was not registered with any Club in 2018. If the Player registers with that NPL Club in 2019, 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 Hyundai A-League Club for two (2) years and then at the completion of his stint with that Hyundai A-League Club, he returns to NPL Club A. This season with NPL Club A will be deemed his fourth continuous season.

### **Switching Player**

- In the event that a Player is a Switching Player, he can only be classified in one (1) category (e.g. a Player cannot incur Switching Player points in two (2) different categories).
- 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).
- 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**);
  - the Member Federation or FFA 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 to FFA or the Member Federation (whichever is applicable) to justify the reasons as to why Switching Player points should not apply.
- The Member Federation 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.
- FFA 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 2018 season) or in the previous NPL season was with another NPL Club.

## 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*

2016 - *Registered with United FC (NPL Club)*

2017 - *Registered with Perth Glory (FYL)*

2018 - *Registered with Brisbane Roar (A-League)*

2019 - *Registered with United FC (NPL Club)*

Example B: *Player history of Mark Jones – Ineligible Pathway Player*

2016 - *Registered with United FC (NPL Club)*

2017 - *Registered with Perth Glory (FYL)*

2018 - *Registered with Thailand FC (Overseas)*

2019 - *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.
- (b) 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 Hyundai 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 an U14 team Player and an U20 team Player signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The NPL Club can choose to have:

- six (6) points deducted (-6 points) from this season's Points Total;
- three (3) points deducted (-3 points) from this season's and next season's Points Total; or
- six (6) points deducted (-6 points) from next season's Points Total.

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

Example: A NPL Club has two (2) First Team Players signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The NPL Club can choose to have

- sixteen points deducted (-16 points) from this season's Points Total;
- eight (8) points deducted (-8 points) from this season's and next season's Points Total; or
- sixteen points deducted (-16 points) 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.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

#### **FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds/Federation Cup**

- The PPS does not apply to the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds SA/Federation Cup competition.

### PPS Window during 2019

- The initial window for submission of the PPS is prior to Round 1, with all clubs requiring to submit their PPS by close of business, 5.00pm Thursday, 14th February 2019. As with previous years there will be additional windows available for clubs to make adjustments during the course of the season, the dates of these windows are outlined below.

2019 Window(s)	Opening Date	Closing Date
February	When registrations commence	5:00pm Thursday 14 February
April	Monday 8 April	5:00pm Thursday 11 April
June	Monday 3 June	5:00pm Thursday 27 June
August	Monday 5 August	5:00pm Thursday 9 August

- During the June window, clubs will be required to submit their PPS by Thursday prior to the round of fixtures should they wish to change their previously submitted. Should a club provide not provide an updated copy, the previously submitted PPS roster will be used.

### Use of Players Aged 20 or Younger

In relation to the use of players who are aged twenty (20) or younger:

- *“A Club may promote a Player from its youth teams to play for its first team up to a maximum of forty percent (40%) of matches throughout a NPL season without being required to include such youth Player on the Player Roster. In order for such youth Player to be eligible to play in more than 40% of the matches in the NPL season, the Player must be included on the Club’s Player Roster (and therefore at that point included in the Club’s Points Cap).”*
- To clarify a player may be promoted from Juniors, Under 18s or Reserves if the players age as at 31 December in the current NPL season is twenty (20) years of age or younger. As the NPL season consists of 22 rounds, the amount of matches deemed to constitute forty (40) percent will be nine (9); any player which exceeds nine (9) matches will need to be added to the PPS player roster prior to them playing in the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) match for the club.
- The player must enter the field of play to be deemed to have played in the match.
- The club can only nominate a maximum of two (2) visa players per match on the team sheet.
- Should a club breach the PPS regulations, the club shall have been deemed to forfeit the match.



## **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

- A club may apply to Football Federation SA to make a change to the PPS team roster outside of the designated amendment windows, in exception circumstances. These may include (but not limited to);
  - Long Term Player Injury – this would mean a player who is unable to play for a period of four (4) weeks or longer, supporting documentation would need to be provided upon the club making an application from a qualified General Practitioner or Specialist. Physiotherapists and Massage Therapists notes cannot be used as supporting documentation.
  - Player Movement – Where the player leaves outside of the control of the club, for example a player is relocated due to work purposes.
  - Goalkeepers – as this is a specialised position as determined by the National Registration Regulations.

The decision to grant an exemption for a club to change the PPS team roster outside of the windows is at the sole and absolute discretion of Football Federation SA.

# FINAL SERIES COMPETITION

FFSA will determine the structure of any Final Series to be conducted in the National Premier League and State League in consultation with the clubs. The structure and format will be provided to all clubs prior to the commencement of each season.

## Season 2019 – Final Series Structure – National Premier League, State League 1 and State League 2 Competitions.

The finishing position of teams at the conclusion of the home and away season will determine the team's position in the Final Series.

Week 1				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Type of Final
Match A1*	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	vs.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	First leg of Semi- Final
Match B	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	vs.	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Elimination Final
Match C	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	vs.	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Elimination Final

Week 2				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Type of Final
Match A2*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	vs.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Second leg of Semi- Final
Match D*	Winner Match B	vs.	Winner Match C	Elimination Final
*Home Team for Match D will be the highest placed winner from the regular season				

Week 3				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Type of Final
Match E	Losers Match A1 & A2	vs.	Winner Match D	Preliminary Final

Week 4				
Match	Home Team		Away Team	Type of Final
Match F	Winner A1 & A2 Matches	vs.	Preliminary Final Winner	Grand Final

- Teams that finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the conclusion of the home and away season will play-off over two (2) legs with the winner based on aggregate score advancing to the Grand Final.
- The team who finishes in first (1<sup>st</sup>) position at the conclusion of the Home and Away Season can nominate their preference to play the first (1<sup>st</sup>) leg of their Semi Finals either at home or away, subject to venue availability and FFSA approval.
- The loser of the *Matches A1& A2* will be considered the 'home' team for the Preliminary Final.

## PRIZE MONEY FOR 2019

<b>PLAYSTATION 4 NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE</b>	<b>PRIZE MONEY</b>
Team that finishes first at the end of the home and away season	\$15,000.00
Team that wins the NPL Grand Final	\$15,000.00
Team that comes runners-up in the NPL Grand Final	\$7,500.00
Team that comes third in the final series	\$4,500.00
Team that comes fourth in the final series	\$1,500.00
Team that comes fifth in the final series	\$1,500.00
Team that comes sixth in the final series	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,500.00</b>
<b>STATE LEAGUE ONE</b>	
<b>STATE LEAGUE ONE</b>	<b>PRIZE MONEY</b>
Team that finishes first at the end of the home and away season	\$6,000.00
Team that wins the State League 1 Grand Final	\$6,000.00
Team that comes runners-up in the State League 1 Grand Final	\$3,500.00
Team that comes third in the final series	\$2,500.00
Team that comes fourth in the final series	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,500.00</b>
<b>STATE LEAGUE TWO</b>	
<b>STATE LEAGUE TWO</b>	<b>PRIZE MONEY</b>
Team that finishes first at the end of the home and away season	\$2,000.00
Team that wins the State League 1 Grand Final	\$2,000.00
Team that comes runners-up in the State League 1 Grand Final	\$1,000.00
Team that comes third in the final series	\$500.00
Team that comes fourth in the final series	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>FEDERATION CUP</b>	
<b>FEDERATION CUP</b>	<b>PRIZE MONEY</b>
FFSA Federation Cup Winner	\$ 5,500.00
FFSA Federation Cup Runners Up	\$ 2,500.00
FFSA Federation Semi Finalist	\$ 1,000.00
FFSA Federation Semi Finalist	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF PRIZE MONEY TO BE PAID</b>	<b>\$82,000.00</b>