

# Annexure 1

## State League

## Article 1 - Competition Format

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1. All participating clubs in the State League are required to field a senior team, a reserves team and an under 18s team. A club that fails to field a team in 3 consecutive matches, or any 4 matches will be considered to have breached this rule.  
**Penalty for Breach          Deduction of 10 competition points from the first team; and  
Club is ineligible for promotion in the current season.**
2. Teams will be ranked in their divisions according to the number of competition points they accrue over the season as specified in Article 2.
3. The club whose first team finishes in first place of Division 2 at the end of the season will play in Division 1 in the following season.
4. The club whose first team finishes in eleventh place in Division 1 at the end of the season will be relegated to Division 2 in the following season.
5. The club whose first team finishes in eleventh place in Division 2 will occupy a relegation position. Should the club that finishes in first position in the Amateur Premier Division exercise its option of promotion to the State League, the club in eleventh place in Division 2 will be relegated to the Amateur Premier Division.
6. In the event that a review of the National Premier Leagues competition in 2017 results in a variation in the number of clubs in the State League, the structure of the State League competition in 2018 will be decided by Football West in consultation with State League Standing Committee. For the avoidance of doubt, any decision on the structure of the State League under this paragraph will occur after all promotion and relegation actions have taken place.
7. Should a vacancy be created before the commencement of the season, then that vacancy may be offered to another club chosen by Football West in consultation with the State League Standing Committee.
8. Football West reserves the right not to fill any vacancy.
9. The club whose first team finishes in first position of Division 1 will receive \$4,000 as prize money.
10. The club whose first team finishes in second position of Division 1 will receive \$1,000 as prize money.
11. The club whose first team finishes in first position of Division 2 will receive \$2,000 as prize money.
12. The club whose first team finishes in second position of Division 2 will receive \$500 as prize money.

## Article 2 - Competition Points

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1. Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat.
2. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the regular season, the following criteria are applied in order to determine the higher ranking team.
  - a) the team with the superior goal difference
  - b) the team with the higher number of goals scored
  - c) the number of points gained in matches between the teams concerned
  - d) the superior goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
  - e) the team with the lower number of red cards

- f) the team with the lower number of yellow cards
- g) the drawing of lots

## Article 3 - Promotion to the National Premier Leagues WA

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1. Promotion and relegation refers to the processes set out in Article 3 and expressly excludes any restructure of the NPL Competition.
2. Should the club whose first team finishes in first place in State League 1 meet the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, the last placed NPL club will be relegated to State League 1 in the first team, Under 20s and Under 18s age groups. The first placed State League 1 club will be promoted to the NPL in all age groups.
3. Should the club whose first team finishes in first place in State League 1 not meet the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, the club with the highest placed State League 1 first team that finishes in the top four positions in State League 1, and meets the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, will compete in a two-legged play-off tie against the first team of the last placed NPL club as described in Article 4.
4. The NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria, and the date by which each criterion must be met, are listed at Appendix A.
5. Football West will in its sole discretion determine whether a club meets the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, and despite anything stated in these rules or the NPL Compliance By-Law, to be eligible for promotion to the NPL, a State League 1 club is not required to meet any criteria other than those listed in Appendix A as the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria.
7. If none of the State League 1 clubs that finishes in the top 4 positions meets the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria, there will be no promotion and relegation between the NPL and State League 1.

## Article 4 - Promotion and Relegation Play-Off

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1. Article 4 describes the process by which the State League 1 club whose first team finishes the highest of second, third or fourth position in State League 1 and meets the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, may be promoted pursuant to Article 3 -3.
2. The club that wins the play-off tie will earn the right to compete in the NPL in the next season and the club that loses the play-off tie will compete in State League 1 in the first team, Reserves and under 18s age groups.
3. The play-off tie will be played under the following provisions:
  - a) The venue for each leg must comply with the standards set out in Appendix B of the NPL Compliance By-Law. A club whose regular home venue does not meet these requirements is responsible for arranging a compliant venue at its own cost;
  - b) The State League 1 club must comply with the following articles of the NPL Competition Rules in relation to the Player Points System and Visa players:

- (i) Article 21, paragraph 2;
  - (ii) Article 21, paragraph 3;
  - (iii) Article 21, paragraph 4; (the State League 1 club is entitled to a 20 point discount as provided for in the Player Point System);
  - (iv) Article 21, paragraph 5;
  - (v) Article 21, paragraph 6;
  - (vi) Article 21, paragraph 7;
  - (vii) Article 21, paragraph 8; and
  - (viii) Article 22.
4. The winner of the play off tie will be determined as follows:
- a) The tie will comprise two matches – one match at each club’s home venue. Should a club’s home venue not be available, that club will be responsible for sourcing an alternative venue at its own cost.
  - b) The dates and times of the matches will be determined by Football West and may not be challenged by either club.
  - c) The order of the matches will be determined by Football West.
  - d) The winner of the tie will be the club that scores the most goals over the two legs.
  - e) Should both teams score an equal number of goals over the two legs, the winner of the tie will be the club that scores the most goals in its “away” leg. For the avoidance of doubt, the club playing its “away” leg is the second-named club in the match, regardless of the venue at which the match is played.
  - f) If a winner cannot be determined through paragraphs d) and e), then two periods of extra time of 15 minutes per period will be played in accordance with The Laws of the Game at the conclusion of the second leg.
  - g) At the end of the second period of extra time, the provisions of paragraph d) will be applied to determine the winner of the tie. The provisions of paragraph e) do not apply once the match moves into extra time.
  - h) If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraph d) after extra time, the winner of the tie will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Article 5 - State League Inter-Divisional Promotion Play-Off Matches

1. The club whose first team finishes in 10th position in State League 1 and the clubs whose first teams finish in 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions in State League 2 will compete in a play-off tournament to determine which club will play in State League 1 in the following season.
2. Two semi-final ties will be played each over 2 legs. One semi-final will be contested by the club that finished 10th in State League 1 and the club that finished 4th in State League 2. The other semi-final will be contested by the club that finished 2nd in State League 2 and the club that finished 3rd in State League 2.
3. The losing clubs from each semi-final will play in State League 2 in the following season.
4. The winners of each semi-final will play each other in the final, over 2 legs.
5. The winner of the final over two legs will play in State League 1 the following season. The loser of the final over two legs will play in State League 2 in the following season.
6. Both semi-finals and the final will comprise two matches – one match at each club’s home venue. Should a club’s home venue not be available, that club will be responsible for sourcing an alternative venue at its own cost.

7. The dates and times of the matches will be determined by Football West and may not be challenged by either club.
8. A draw will be held to determine the order of the matches. Where a match is required to be played under floodlights, consideration will be given to whether a club has the capacity to host a match under floodlights. A club that is required to use an alternative ground in order to host a match under lights is entitled to a floodlight subsidy of \$300 on a properly formatted invoice to Football West.
9. The winner of the all ties will be the club that scores the most goals over the two legs.
10. Should both teams score an equal number of goals over the two legs, the winner of the tie will be the club that scores the most goals in its "away" leg. For the avoidance of doubt, the club playing its "away" leg is the second-named club in the match, regardless of the venue at which the match is played.
11. If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraphs 9 and 10, then two periods of extra time of 15 minutes per period will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game at the conclusion of the second leg.
12. At the end of the second period of extra time, the provisions of paragraph 9 will be applied to determine the winner of the tie. The provisions of paragraph 10 do not apply once the match moves into extra time.
13. If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraph 9 after extra time, the winner of the tie will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Article 6 - Individual Awards

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1. A Fairest and Best prize will be awarded to the best player in Division 1 and Division 2 for senior and 18s teams only.
2. The referee for each match will award votes. Three votes will be awarded to the best player, two votes to the next best player and one vote awarded to the third best player.
3. The player who receives the most votes over the course of the season will win the Fairest and Best prize for his division.
4. If two or more players tie for the highest number of votes, then a prize will be awarded to each of those players.
5. If a player receives a suspension as a result of being shown a red card, or as a result of a sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee during the regular season, he will be ineligible to win the Fairest and Best Award for that season. For the avoidance of doubt, if that player receives a red card which is subsequently rescinded as a result of mistaken identity, the player will be eligible to win the Fairest and Best Award.
6. An award will be presented to the player who scores the most goals in his division in league matches throughout the season. If two or more players score an equal number of goals, an award will be presented to each of those players.

## Article 7 - Venue

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1. The home venue of each club must meet the criteria as set down by Football West from time to time.

2. Three parking spaces inside the venue must be specifically reserved for match officials on match day for all matches.
3. A club may request to change its home ground venue but may do so only by written application to Football West. Football West reserves the right to refuse any application if the facilities do not meet the criteria as specified by Football West.
4. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of venue if the proposed new venue is within 5 kilometres of another State League club.
5. The home club, at its own expense, must ensure that a nominated groundskeeper is on duty during all scheduled matches at its home ground, from at least one hour prior to the first scheduled match.
6. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West matches.
7. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that State League matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

## Article 8 - Matches

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1. A schedule of matches will be developed by Football West. No consideration will be given to any perceived unfairness of the match schedule.
2. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period of a match must last for a minimum of 35 minutes in order that a result may be recorded.
3. The duration of the half time interval will be 15 minutes.
4. The referee must adjust the duration of an 18s or reserves match when necessary to ensure that the first team match commences at the scheduled kick-off time.
5. When a match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 4, each match official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal match fee.
6. The technical area may have a maximum of 5 named substitutes and a maximum of 3 named team officials.
7. All substitutes must be seated within the technical area unless warming up. All substitutes and substituted players must wear bibs which are of a different colour to both teams and the match officials.
8. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside the technical area but may NOT warm up with footballs.
9. In the event that a club does not have sufficient players to field a reserve and first team, the first team will take priority.
10. In the event that a club does not have sufficient players to field a reserve and 18s team, the reserves team will take priority.
11. Spectators are not permitted inside the barrier which separates the field of play from the rest of the venue while the match is in progress. If the barrier in place is only in place around part of the field of play, spectators may only watch the match from behind that partial barrier. For the avoidance of doubt, there must be a barrier between a spectator and the field of play. It is the responsibility of the home club to enforce this.
12. Once matches have been published, changes may be made in accordance with the Football West Match Scheduling Policy.

13. A club that requests and has been granted a match change is responsible for all costs associated with the rearranged match.
14. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the referee may use his discretion to allow players to take drink breaks. During any such break, all players must remain on the field of play.
15. The home club must provide one stretcher which is to be placed between the technical areas in a safe and accessible position. The stretcher must be in position before the commencement of the first match of the day until the conclusion of the final match of the day unless being utilised.  
**Penalty for Breach        \$50**
16. The result of each match must be entered into Fox Sports Pulse by the home club no later than 8:00pm on the day of the match, unless the match kicks off after 3:30pm.  
**Penalty for Breach        \$100**
17. Football West reserves the right to instruct home clubs to increase the minimum security arrangements for any match at any time. The cost of any additional security arrangements is to be borne by the home club.

## Article 9 - Ground Marshals

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1. The home club must appoint ground marshals who are 18 years of age or older whose duties are:
  - a) to provide an escort for the match officials to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period; and
  - b) to liaise with club officials and emergency services if required.
2. The home club must provide at least two ground marshals for each 18s match.  
**Penalty for Breach        \$100**
3. The home club must provide at least four ground marshals for each reserves and first team match.  
**Penalty for Breach        \$100**
4. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that the ground marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities.
5. All ground marshals must have access to all areas of the ground at all times. Ground marshals may not be limited to a specific location (for example, the person collecting gate fees may not be a ground marshal).
6. Each ground marshal must wear the vests which have been supplied by Football West for the duration of the match. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West.
7. Ground marshals must be visible at all times.
8. The ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
9. All ground marshals must identify themselves to the appointed referee at least fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of each match.

## Article 10 - Match Documentation

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1. The team list for each match must clearly indicate the match result, the half-time score, goal scorers if any, times of any goals scored and misconduct offences.

2. The first 11 players listed on a team list must be on the field of play when the match commences unless the team is unable to field 11 players.
3. The team list must contain the full names of team officials who intend to occupy the technical area. A maximum of 3 team officials may occupy the technical area. For the avoidance of doubt, a player or team official whose name does not appear on the team list may not enter the field of play, the surrounds of the field of play or the technical area while the match is in progress.

**Penalty for Breach**      **\$100**

4. Team officials who wish to sit in the Technical Area during any match of the State League MUST be registered on MyFootballClub.
5. The team list must arrive at Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the match.
6. The appointed referee must complete a match report according to the instructions dictated by the Referees Technical Committee. Such reports are to be lodged with Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the match.
7. At the conclusion of each match, the referee will record best and fairest votes. This information is not to be disclosed to anybody and must be lodged with Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the match.

## Article 11 - Players

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1. To be eligible to play in the State League, a player must meet the following age criteria.
  - a) 18s – born in 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002;
  - b) Reserves & First teams – born in 2001 or earlier
2. No more than 5 named substitutes may be listed on the team list of which a maximum of 3 may be used in any one match.
3. Once a player has taken the field of play in nine matches of the State League competition in the Under 18s, reserves or open age groups, he is no longer eligible to participate in both the State League and the Junior Boys League during the same season. These nine State League matches may comprise any combination of first team, reserves team and 18s Team matches as long as no more than nine Under 18s matches, no more than five reserves team matches and no more than one first team match is played. Following the ninth match for the State League teams, a player must choose to play in either the State League or the Junior Boys team(s) for which he is eligible.

**Penalty for Breach**      **Forfeit**

4. Once a player has taken the field of play in a match of the State League in the first, reserves or 18s, he is not eligible to participate in the Junior Boys League for a team below 15s Division 1 during the same season. A club may apply for an exemption to this rule if its highest placed team is below the 15s Division 1 competition, but any such ruling is entirely at the discretion of Football West.

**Penalty for Breach**      **Forfeit**

## Article 12 - Playing Strips

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1. All clubs must nominate a “home” and “alternative” playing strip.
2. In any match, if the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the match official likely to cause confusion, then players of the away team will be



required to change its shirts or socks or both. In the event of any dispute with regard to the strip to be worn by either team, the match official's decision is final.

3. If the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the match official likely to cause confusion, and the away team is unable to change that part of its attire which is causing that confusion, then the match may not proceed.

## Article 13 - Match Balls

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1. The home club will provide the match official with three match balls no later than ten minutes prior to the commencement of the match.
2. All matches must use the FIFA approved Select "Super" match ball. Three match balls will be provided free of charge to each State League Club.

Penalty for Breach      \$100

## Article 14 - Match Officials

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1. The home club is responsible for the payment of all match official fees. Football West will determine the fees payable and publish the rates prior to the commencement of each season.
2. The allocation of match officials will be determined by Football West. No club may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular match official.
3. A club may not refuse to allow an allocated match official to officiate at that allocated match.
4. In the event that none of the match officials allocated to a match is ready and able to commence the match within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the match may not proceed.
5. In the absence of one or both assistant referees, each team will provide a club assistant referee to assist the referee. If either club does not comply, then the match may not proceed.
6. If the appointed referee postpones or delays any match, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of the match outlining the reasons for his actions. The appointed match officials are entitled to 50% of the prescribed match fee for a postponed match and 100% of the match fee for a delayed match which is subsequently completed or abandoned.
7. When a match is forfeited by a club, the match officials are entitled to receive 100% of the prescribed match fee to be paid by the club which forfeited the match, unless the forfeiting club informed Football West in writing at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
8. When a match is abandoned, the match officials are entitled to receive 100% of the match fee.

## Article 15 - Admission

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1. A maximum of 60 people from the visiting club must be provided with free entry to the venue for any one match day for use by the players, club officials or a club's official guests. The visiting club must inform the home club in writing the names to be granted free entry by noon on the last working day prior to the match.
2. Any person, including a match official who is not appointed to the match, who produces an official Football West pass must be granted free entry into any venue for any match.
3. All Football West passes are valid only for Football West matches and may be revoked by Football West at any time.
4. The following general entry admission fees may be charged:

- a) Division 1 - \$6
  - b) Division 2 - \$5
  - c) Students, Pensioners or concession holders with evidence of status - \$4
  - d) People under the age of 15 – Free
5. Holders of Football West Sponsors Discount Entry Programme Tickets (as advised by Football West from time to time) must be granted access to grounds at the pre-determined discounted admission price. No club is permitted to refuse entry on these conditions under any circumstances.

Penalty for Breach        \$50

## Article 16 - Representative Teams

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1. If a club has 4 or more players from one team participating in a representative match, it may seek the postponement of any club match which clashes with the representative match.
2. To be considered as a qualifying player under paragraph 1, and subject to the conditions of paragraph 3, the player must have been recorded on that team's team lists for a minimum of 80% of all matches up to and including the date of the request to postpone.
3. If the player is required to participate in a representative match prior to round six of the season, Football West will determine the team of a player from the team sheets available. Football West's decision in determining the team of a player is final.

## Article 17 - Fair Play Award

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1. Football West will present a Fair Play Award to the clubs whose State League first teams in each division receive the fewest number of penalty points during the regular season. Penalty points are accrued according to the following scale:
 

a) Each single yellow card issued	1 point
b) Each indirect red card issued (two yellow cards to a single player)	3 points
c) Each direct red card issued	5 points
d) Each club official expelled from the technical area	5 points
e) Five or more players cautioned or sent off in a single match	5 points
f) Three or more players sent off in a single match	10 points
2. The Fair Play Award winning clubs will also each receive prize money in the amount of \$1,000.
3. In the event that two or more clubs receive the fewest penalty points, the prize money will be shared.

## NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria

1. All of the following criteria must be satisfied by a State League 1 club on or before the dates stipulated in this Appendix A in order for the club to be eligible for promotion to the NPL.
2. Football West will assess whether a club has met the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria and inform the club of the result of its assessment within 5 business days of the date by which each criterion is required to be met.
3. Football West will inform all State League 1 clubs no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday 16 August 2017 which of the State League 1 clubs are eligible for promotion to the NPL.
4. Football West may, in its absolute discretion, allow an exemption to compliance with any of these criteria or the dates by which any of the criteria must be satisfied.

No	Criterion Description	Date by which the criterion must be satisfied during 2017
1	<p>The club's home venue that it has used during the 2017 State League 1 season must meet the NPL venue requirements as stipulated in the NPL Compliance By-Law.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The club must have a written in principle agreement to use a venue that meets NPL venue requirements and that has been approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club; or</li> <li>• The club that currently occupies that venue (if applicable); and</li> <li>• The local government authority or owner of the venue that has control over the venue; and</li> <li>• Any other organisation that has an interest in or may impact the club's ability to use the venue for the duration of the 2018 NPL season.</li> </ul>	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.
2	<p>At least one team entered into each of the Football West competitions in the Junior Boys League in the following age groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 11s;</li> <li>• Under 12s;</li> <li>• Under 13s;</li> <li>• Under 14s; and</li> <li>• Under 15s.</li> </ul> <p>At least one team in each age group must remain active in the competition for the entire season.</p> <p>A club that does not fulfil more than 2 fixture commitments in any one age group will be deemed not to meet this criterion.</p>	5:00pm WST on Wednesday 17 May 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.

No	Criterion Description	Date by which the criterion must be satisfied during 2017
	<p><b>Exception:</b> South West Phoenix FC is not required to field a team in the Football West Under 11s competition.</p>	
3	The club must have a constitution and a valid and current Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Department of Commerce. Copies of the club's constitution and Certificate of Incorporation must be provided to Football West.	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.
4	The club must provide to Football West the most recent audited copy of its financial statements. The club's audited financial statements must not be more than 12 months old.	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.
5	The club must appoint a Technical Director with a valid coaching accreditation of C Licence or higher and provide Football West with the Technical Director's name and copies of their certification.	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.
6	The club must appoint a First Team Head Coach with a valid coaching accreditation of C Licence or higher and provide Football West with the First Team Head Coach's name and copies of their certification.	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.
7	The club must inform Football West in writing of the date of its most recent Annual General Meeting and provide a copy of the club's most recent Annual Report. The club's most recent Annual Report must not be more than 18 months old.	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.
8	The club must provide to Football West a document that outlines the Organisational Structure of the Club showing all Executive positions and the names of the individuals appointed to each role.	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.
9	The club must appoint a Sports Trainer with a Level 1 Sports Trainer certification or higher and provide Football West with the Sports Trainer's name and copies of their certification.	5:00pm WST on Friday 4 August 2017 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to clubs.