

Annexure 21

Metropolitan Cup

Article 1 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Annexure 5 of those rules are applicable to the Metropolitan Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Annexure 5 of those rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.

Article 2 - Competition Format

1. Only teams in the Metropolitan League may compete in the Metropolitan Cup unless admitted in accordance with paragraph 3.
2. Entry is voluntary for all teams.
3. Regional teams may lodge an application to participate in the Metropolitan Cup and if such an application is successful, those teams will be included in the draw. An entry fee of \$55 applies.
4. A regional club travelling to the metropolitan area or another region, or a metropolitan club travelling to a region will be entitled to an allowance of \$250 for each such trip payable on invoice to Football West.
5. The clubs competing in each round of the competition will be drawn in pairs at random. The pairs will play a fixture subject to the Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures and the winner of each fixture will compete in the next round and be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the competition. Football West reserves the right to require that a regional club granted entry in accordance with paragraph 3 plays any or all of its matches in the Perth metropolitan area regardless of whether or not the club is drawn at home.
6. A preliminary round may be held to ensure that the following rounds can be played by the correct number of teams to ensure that only two teams remain at the end of the competition.
7. After the draw of each round, participating clubs will be informed of the fixture date, time and venue.
8. In all fixtures, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the fixture will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 3 - Players

1. A player may not play for a team in the Metropolitan Cup if, in the same season, he has previously played for:
 - a) a different team in the Metropolitan Cup
 - b) an NPL club or a State League club in the FFA Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup
 - c) any club in the Amateur Cup or Amateur Reserves Cup
 - d) any club in the Masters Cup

Penalty for Breach **Forfeit**
2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a player must have played in a minimum of 6 different fixtures for the team in question prior to that semi-final or final.

Penalty for Breach **Forfeit**
3. A player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that player is a goalkeeper, and the club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper

is available to participate. Absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least 2 business days before the fixture. Football West's decision on any application is final.

Penalty for Breach **Forfeit**

4. An unused substitute in a competition without interchangeable substitutes is deemed NOT to have played in a fixture.

Article 4 - Match Officials

1. Football West will pay match official fees for the Metropolitan Cup Final.

Article 5 - Squad Lists

1. Football West reserves the right to request a squad list for each competing team in a fixture. If requested, such a list must be provided in writing 4 days prior to the fixture.