

Annexure 32

Women's Premier Top 4

Article 1 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Annexure 3 of those rules are applicable to the Women's Premier First Team Top 4 Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Annexure 3 of those rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.
3. Any protest or complaint which, if upheld, would affect the result of a semi-final must be lodged in writing on club letterhead, accompanied by the relevant fee where appropriate, by noon on the Tuesday following that semi-final. Protests or complaints received by Football West after that time will not be considered.

Article 2 - Competition Format

1. Teams which finish in the highest four positions in the Women's Premier First Team in the regular season will compete in the Women's Premier First Team Top 4 Cup. Entry is compulsory.
2. Semi-finals will be played between the team finishing first and the team finishing fourth. The team finishing first is designated the home team.
3. Semi-finals will also be played between the team finishing second and the team finishing third. The team finishing second is designated the home team.
4. The Final will be played between the winning teams from each semi-final.
5. In all matches, if the scores are level at full time, then the outcome of the match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as specified in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
6. In the event that a team is not ready to commence the match within 15 minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, the offending team will be deemed to have forfeited that match.

Article 3 - Players

1. To be eligible to participate in the Women's Premier First Team Top 4 Cup match, a player must have been named on a team list and played for the First Team or Under 23s for at least 8 matches. Any such matches may include Women's State Cup matches.
2. Clubs are responsible for tracking the eligibility of their players.
3. A player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 1 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.

Article 4 - Match Officials

1. Teams are responsible for paying the referees for both Semi Finals and Final. There will be three officials for both Top 4 Semi Finals and Final.