

# Annexure 8

## Women's Masters League

## Article 1 - Competition Format

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1. The order in which teams finish the competition will be determined by the criteria specified in Article 2.
2. There will be a Final at the end of the season with the team that finishes third playing the team that finishes fourth and the team that finishes first against the team that finishes second.

## 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. In case of a washout (example, due to extreme weather) those matches will be recorded as 0-0 draws.
3. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the 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
4. In the finals, 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 - Venue

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1. Football West will determine the venue(s) for the Women's Masters League. The club must meet the criteria of a Class D venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management By-Law.
2. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West fixtures.
5. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Women's Masters League Fixtures are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

## Article 4 - Fixtures

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1. All matches will be 25 minute halves.
2. With the exception of abandoned fixtures, each period of a fixture must last for a minimum of 20 minutes in order that a result may be recorded.
3. The duration of the half time interval will be 5 minutes.
4. The referee may adjust the duration of a fixture to ensure that a following fixture on the same field of play commences at the scheduled kick-off time.
5. When a fixture is shortened in accordance with paragraph 3, each match official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal match fee.

6. Once fixtures have been published, the home club may submit a fixture time change request in writing. The change will be valid if submitted AND approved by Football West no later than 12 Noon on the fourth business day prior to the scheduled kick-off date.
7. 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.
8. The host club must provide one stretcher which is to be placed in a safe and accessible position. The stretcher must be in position before the commencement of the first fixture of the day until the conclusion of the final fixture of the night unless being utilised.
9. The result of each fixture will be sent in to Football West by the referee before 5pm the following day of the fixture.
10. Football West may from time to time nominate any fixture as being under the direct control of Football West. In such circumstances, Football West will determine the conditions under which the fixture is to be played.
11. Substitutes in the Women's Masters League are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the fixture. All substitutes in the Women's Masters League are able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions.
12. Normal Laws of the Game apply, except, there will be no offside rule applied.

## Article 5 - Postponed or Forfeited Fixtures

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1. Unavailability to play a fixture will result in a forfeit.

## Article 6 - Ground Marshals

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1. Football West will appoint a ground manager, whose duties will be:
2. The host club must appoint a ground marshal whose duties are:
  - a) to ensure the security and safety of players, match referees and club officials;
  - b) to supervise the conduct of ball persons if provided;
  - c) to liaise with club officials and emergency services if required;
  - d) to ensure the security of the venue, players, match referees and club officials at the conclusion of the fixture; and
  - e) to provide an escort for the referee to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period.

## Article 7 - Match Documentation

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1. The team list for each fixture must clearly indicate the fixture result, the half-time score, goal scorers if any, times of any goals scored and misconduct offences. Each team list must be correctly signed by the authorised representative of each team and the match referee.
2. The referee must provide the facts relating to the fixture to the home club within 15 minutes of the completion of the fixture.

3. The appointed referee must ensure that the team list arrives at Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the fixture.
4. 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 fixture.
5. If no referee is appointed by Football West, it is the responsibility of the referee appointed by the home club, under the conditions of Article 7.4, to ensure that all match documentation is received by Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the fixture, including any reports of expulsions (red cards).
6. At the conclusion of each fixture, the match official will lodge with Football West match documentation within 2 business days of the completion of the fixture.

## Article 8 - Players

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1. Only female players are eligible to compete in the Women's Masters League.  
**Penalty for Breach      Forfeit**
2. To be eligible to play in the Women's Masters League, a player must have been born in 1989 and earlier. Teams may have two players born between the age of 1990 and 1991 on a single match sheet and must mark an asterisk next to the two player's names.
3. Players may only play for 1 team in the Women's Masters League for the season.

## Article 9 - Playing Strips

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1. All clubs must nominate a playing strip that have numbers visible on the back.
2. In any fixture, if the shirts of the participating teams are alike or similar, bibs will be provided to the away team or both teams. In the event of any dispute with regards to the strip to be worn by either team, the referee's decision is final.

## Article 10 - Match Balls

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1. The host venue will be provided with the match balls for the season by Football West and will provide to the referee two match balls no later than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the fixture.

## Article 11 - Match Officials

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1. Each club is responsible for 50% of match official fees. The match fee for each match will be \$50.
2. Match official fees are payable in cash to the match official(s) on the night.
3. 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.
4. In the event that a referee is not allocated to the fixture by Football West, or that none of the match officials allocated to a fixture is ready and able to commence the fixture within 5 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the Football West ground manager will appoint someone to officiate.
5. If the appointed referee postpones or delays any fixture, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of the fixture outlining the reasons

for his actions. The appointed referee is entitled to 50% of the prescribed match fee for a postponed fixture and 100% of the match fee for a delayed fixture which is subsequently completed or abandoned.

6. When a fixture is forfeited by a club, the referee is entitled to receive 100% of the prescribed match fee to be paid by the club which forfeited the fixture, unless the forfeiting club informed Football West in writing at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
7. When a match is abandoned, the match officials are entitled to receive the full amount of their normal match fees.