

Annexure 26

Junior Girls Cup

Article 1 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Annexure 11 of those rules are applicable to the Junior Girls Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Annexure 11 of those rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.

Article 2 - Competition Format

1. All teams in the 14s, 16s and 18s league competitions are eligible to compete in the Junior Girls Cup.
2. Entry is automatic for Division 1 and Division 2 teams and voluntary for all other teams in each age group.
3. A club that wishes to enter one or more teams that are not in Division 1 or Division 2 into the competition, must do so on the prescribed form **by 5:00pm on Thursday 5th March 2020**. Entries received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of Football West. **Clubs should be aware that the majority of cup matches may be played on Saturdays.**
4. The clubs competing in each round of the competition will be drawn in pairs at random. The pairs will play a match subject to the Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures and the winner of each match will compete in the next round and be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the competition.
5. 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.
6. After the draw of each round, participating clubs will be informed of the match date, time and venue.
7. In all matches, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the match 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 Junior Girls Cup if, in the same season, she has previously played for:
 - a) a different team in any cup competition
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2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a player must have played in a minimum of 5 different matches for the team in question prior to that semi-final or final.
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3. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 2, in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least 3 business days before the relevant match. Football West will assess each case on its merit and any determination regarding the player's eligibility is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any player whose absence was caused by suspension.

4. 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 match. Football West's decision on any application is final.

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Article 4 - Match Officials

1. Football West will pay match official fees for the Junior Girls Cup Finals.

Article 5 - Squad Lists

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