



FOOTBALL
NSW

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2017 COMPETITIONS



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Section 1: Organisation and Admission

1. Scope and Application

- a) These Regulations are made under clause 9 of the Football NSW (FNSW) By-Laws and apply to the 2017 football Season
- b) Football Federation Australia (FFA) has granted FNSW a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in the State
- c) These Regulations govern the Leagues as set out in Section 1 Article 5
- d) Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all Clubs, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the Constitution, By-Laws, FFA rules and regulations and where applicable rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and FIFA
- e) If any part of these Regulations is void that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations
- f) FNSW will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties
- g) These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions (the Competitions) unless stated otherwise:
 - i. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's
 - ii. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's
 - iii. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's
 - iv. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Youth
 - v. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Youth
 - vi. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Women's
 - vii. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Women's
 - viii. Football NSW State League Men's;
 - ix. Football NSW State League Women's;
 - x. Football NSW Association Youth League;
 - xi. Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program
 - xii. Football NSW Girl's Skill Acquisition; and
 - xiii. Football NSW Cup Competitions.

2. Consequences for Breach

- a) Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may at our discretion result in a fine issued by Football NSW or other sanction pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

3. Reference

- a) Where these Regulations refer to a "Club" that reference is to either the Association, Club or Branch that has been accepted to participate in the Competition

4. Capitalised Terms

- a) Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1

5. Admission / Application to FNSW Competitions

- a) Participation in the Competitions is on an annual basis unless otherwise specified
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the Club agrees that it has no right to any renewal or extension to participate in any future Competitions and FNSW has the right to determine, in its absolute discretion, whether any right to participate in any Competition is renewed or extended
- c) Applications to participate in all Competitions administered within these Regulations are to be made to FNSW, on the prescribed FNSW documents, and submitted by the date on those documents
- d) FNSW will distribute the prescribed FNSW documents in the year preceding each Season

6. Confirmation of Leagues / Competitions

- a) FNSW will conduct Competitions in the following Leagues and grades:

League	Grades
PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20, U18
PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20, U18
PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's	1st Grade, U20, U18
Football NSW State League Men's	1st Grade, U20, U18
PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Youth	U16, U15, U14, U13
PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Youth	U16, U15, U14, U13
Football NSW Association Youth League	U16, U15, U14, U13
PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Women's	1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U17, U15, U13
PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Women's	1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U17, U15, U13
Football NSW State League Women's	1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U17, U15, U13
Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program	U12, U11, U10, U9
Football NSW Girls Skill Acquisition Program	U12, U10

- b) Composition of the Leagues, including maximum numbers of Teams per grade, will be determined by the Board
- c) FNSW may conduct cup Competitions for any League or grade. Notification and invitation for participation in these Competitions will be made prior to any Competitions, should they be conducted

7. Outstanding Debts

- a) Treatment of outstanding debts will be as per the By-laws
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, failure to comply with outstanding debts in accordance with the By-Laws may result in ineligibility for competition points while the debt remains unpaid, and that those points will not be reinstated once the debt is cleared. It may also result in ineligibility to participate in Championship Matches.

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- c) This article applies to all Competition and Cup Matches conducted by FNSW

8. Alteration

- a) The Executive will have the power from time to time to make, alter or rescind the Regulations

9. Special Consideration

- a) The Executive will have the power to consider special circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game
- b) The decision by the Executive to review and consider special circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review

10. Stadiums

- a) The Stadium for the Matches in the Competition will be nominated upon entry, at the deadline communicated by FNSW, by the Clubs and subject to inspection and confirmation by FNSW
- b) Unless stipulated otherwise in these Regulations or by the Executive, Matches in the Competition must be played in a Stadium which meets all the requirements of, and standards stated in, the FNSW Stadium Technical Requirements and in compliance with the safety and security standards and other FNSW, FFA, Australian Standards and Australian Sports Commission guidelines and instructions
- c) Should any Stadium be deemed unacceptable for use for any reason during a Season FNSW reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the Season, including but not limited to rescheduling Matches to the "Away Club" venue, setting Fixtures or Matches to a neutral venue, or forfeiting the Matches against the Home Club
- d) In all instances of article 10 c), any costs incurred in the rescheduling of Fixtures or Matches will be the responsibility of the original Home Club
- e) In circumstances where nominated Stadiums are shared by other than the senior and youth body of the same Club, the responsibility for eradication of Fixture clashes between Clubs shall rest with the nominee
- f) Unavailability of any Stadium due to neglect, non-payment of accounts or any other reason for which the Home Club is responsible will result in a forfeit against the Home Club

11. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings

- a) All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a FNSW Fixture, Match, or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

12. Unforeseeable Circumstance

- a) Nothing in these Regulations will prevent the Board from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams in each division

13. Control of Competitions

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the Competitions is vested in the Executive subject to any resolution by the Board to the contrary

14. Interstate / Inter-League Representative Fixtures

- a) The Board may enter into agreements on behalf of FNSW to arrange Fixtures or Matches either interstate or inter league etc., bearing in mind at all times the standing of the State or Territory Member Federation or FFA in such matters and the interest of the members of FNSW
- b) The Board may be empowered to call upon the services of all FNSW Players for possible selection in representative FNSW fixtures, upon such terms and conditions as they deem fit
- c) Any Player, who, without just cause, fails or refuses to participate in a representative Fixture or Match, cannot participate in his/her Premiership or Championship Fixture, played at or about the same time as the representative Fixture

15. Amalgamation of Clubs

- a) Subject to any term in a Participation Agreement entered into between FNSW and a Club, the new Club remains responsible for the financial obligations of the Clubs that amalgamated to form the new Club. This includes but is not limited to all fines and fees relating to admission, registration, Suspension, breach of regulations etc. and payments to any Players and Team Officials of the Clubs as per their contracts

16. Meetings

- a) FNSW may schedule meetings pre-season and during Season to update Clubs on administrative and coaching matters
- b) Attendance at meetings is compulsory for each Club participating in the competition. Failure to attend without satisfactory reason will result in a fine of \$50

Section 2: Technical Regulations

1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Fixtures and Matches will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FFA and FNSW By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA laws of the game
- b) The Executive will decide from time to time the duration of games played in grades other than 1st Grade and may vary the Regulations for any special domestic competition providing due notice of the variations is given to all competing Clubs

2. Duration of Match

- a) Duration of Premiership Matches will be as follows for the respective grades of the Competitions:

Age Grade	Duration of Match
1st Grade	Two Periods of 45 Minutes
Reserve Grade	
U20	
U18	
U17	Two Periods of 35 Minutes
U16	
U15	
U14	Two Periods of 30 Minutes
U13	
U12	Two Periods of 25 Minutes
U11	
U10	
U9	Two Periods of 20 Minutes

- b) For all Matches consisting two (2) periods of 45 minutes there will be an interval of fifteen (15) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
- c) For all Matches consisting of two (2) periods of 30 & 35 minutes there will be an interval of ten (10) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
- d) For all Matches consisting of two (2) periods of 25 minutes there will be an interval of five (5) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
- e) For all Matches consisting of two (2) periods of 20 minutes there will be an interval of five (5) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period

3. Added Time

- a) Referees will play additional "injury and stoppage time" at the conclusion of each half in 1st Grade only in the Premiership matches of the Leagues governed by these Regulations
- b) In a 1st Grade Match Premiership match, should delay be experienced (e.g. a serious injury to a Player that requires suspension of play while the player is treated or transported from the Stadium) the referee will record the lapsed time and ensure it is added to the match duration. If the elapsed time between suspension of play and recommencement of play is longer than 45 minutes the referee will abandon the match and it will be replayed at a date in accordance with these regulations

- c) For clarity, in all grades other than 1st Grade, should a delay be experienced (other than that detailed in article 30, dealing with Postponed Matches or Fixtures), the referee will continue to keep the official time of the Match and blow full time when the Match duration has expired. At this point the result of the Match will stand
- d) In FNSW Cup Competitions, added time will only be applicable in the Final
- e) For the Championship Series in 1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U20 and U18 of the Leagues governed by these Regulations Referees will play additional "injury and stoppage time" at the conclusion of each half of normal time, and each half of extra time where applicable

4. Extra Time

- a) There will be no extra time played in FNSW Premiership Matches in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time
- b) Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Cup Tie or Championship Match, extra time will be played as follows:

Age Grade	Duration of Extra Time
1st Grade	Two periods of 15 minutes
Reserve Grade	Two periods of 10 minutes
U20	
U18	
U17	
U16	Two periods of 10 minutes will be applicable to U13 & U15 Women's Competitions only
U15	
U14	
U13	
U12	Not Applicable
U11	
U10	
U9	

5. Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- a) If the result of a Cup Match or Championship Match is still a draw after the two (2) periods of extra time, alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the FIFA laws of the game
- b) If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond control and not the direct result of actions by either Team, the result will be decided by the drawing of lots by the referee in the presence of the two (2) Team captains
- c) If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed through the fault of a Team / Club, the Match will be deemed forfeited against that Team / Club

6. Technical Area

- a) Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches
- b) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear their eligibility card at all times
- c) All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials and the bibs of the opposing Team
- d) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials
- e) The Home Club will occupy the left hand side bench as viewed from the Team bench toward the field of play
- f) All substitutes in the technical area must remain seated unless moving to and from warm-up
- g) Only one (1) person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area
- h) In Competitions except for SAP:
 - i. For all Competitions except the SAP a maximum of nine (9) people are permitted in the technical area. These nine (9) people are to be five (5) substitute Players and four (4) registered Team Officials
 - ii. Seating will be supplied and placed in position by the Home Club in sufficient quantity to seat nine (9) people from each Team
- i) For SAP the number of substitutes is as detailed in Schedule 3. Licensees are to provide seating to accommodate the maximum number of possible substitutes in each age grade plus two (2) seats for Club Officials from both competing Teams

7. Warming up

- a) Clubs must supply an alternate warm-up area, in accordance with the Stadium Technical Requirements, in close proximity to the field. This location is regarded as the primary warm-up area for the Match
- b) The Home Club grounds person / representative, in conjunction with the referee and/or FNSW Representative, where applicable, may determine if warm-up on the pitch is to be allowed as well as the location of the warm-up. This decision must consider time constraints, the weather and ensure such action does not cause detrimental impact to the quality of the playing surface for the Match
- c) During play, a maximum of five (5) players from each Team may warm up at the same time, assisted by two (2) Team Officials, without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), in the identified warm-up area within the pitch perimeter fence

8. Footballs

- a) The home Team (that being the first team listed on the draw) will supply three (3) first class footballs of the same brand, colour and weight for all Premiership and Cup Matches
- b) Failure to supply match balls will result in a fine of \$25 per match they are not supplied
- c) FNSW will supply footballs for all Championship Matches
- d) FNSW may from time to time stipulate a particular make of football to be used in a particular League or grade

- e) Match balls are to be provided to the Match Officials no later than thirty (30) minutes before kick-off
- f) The following sizes of footballs are applicable to the different age grades:

Grade	Size
U14 and older	5
U10 to U13 inclusive	4
U9	3

9. Ball Boys / Girls

- a) At each 1st grade match of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's the home Team is to ensure that eight (8) responsible and suitably trained ball boys or ball girls are available
- b) Ball boys and ball girls must be between the ages of 10 - 16 years
- c) Colours worn by the ball boys or ball girls must be distinct from those worn by the Players of both teams and Match Officials
- d) Where possible, the above is recommended for 1st Grade in all other Competitions
- e) Failure to provide ball boys / girls will result in a fine of \$50 per Match

10. Premiership Ranking

FNSW will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each grade of Competition:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
- Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches
 - Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches
 - Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
 - Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
 - A Play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by the Executive

11. Club Championship Ranking

- a) FNSW will use the following process when ranking the Clubs within each Competition:
- PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Men's State League – senior club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system;

Grade	Points Multiplier
1st Grade	Premiership points x 4
U20	Premiership points x 2
U18	Premiership points x 1

- ii. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's & PlayStation 4 NPL NSW 2 Women's and Football NSW State League Women's – club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system:

Grade	Points Multiplier
1st Grade	Premiership points x 1
Reserve Grade	Premiership points x 1
U17	Premiership points x 1
U15	Premiership points x 0
U13	Premiership points x 0

- b) There will be no Club Championship for the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth or Association Youth League (U13 - U16) competitions
- c) FNSW will use the following process to determine the ranking of Clubs in the club championship:
 - i. Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership matches, in all applicable grades, using the relevant points multipliers
 - ii. If two (2) or more Clubs are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
 - a. Greater goal difference resulting from Premiership Matches in all applicable grades.
 - b. Greater goals scored from Premiership Matches in all applicable grades.
 - iii. For clarity, applicable grades for the purpose of this article do not include any grades whose points multiplier is zero (0). Additionally, points and goals scored against the FNSWI are not included in the calculation

12. Promotion and Relegation from 2017 to 2018 – Men's Competitions

- a) Eligibility for promotion and relegation will be determined by use of Club Championship rankings as defined in the Regulations, as well as any other criteria deemed appropriate by the Board
- b) Following are the principles by which Clubs will become eligible for promotion or relegation to 2018 leagues at the conclusion of the 2017 football Season;
 - i. Club highest in ranking in the relevant Club Championship will be eligible for promotion; and
 - ii. Club lowest in ranking in the relevant Club Championship will be eligible for relegation
- c) Promotion and relegation is subject to Club's meeting criteria including but not limited to all articles of the Regulations, the Stadium Technical Requirements, official FNSW application documents, and any other criteria as determined by the Board
- d) Promotion and relegation between PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's and PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's;
 - i. The lowest ranked Club in the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's will be eligible for relegation to the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's
 - ii. The highest ranked Club in PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's will be eligible for promotion to PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's
- e) Promotion and relegation between PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's and PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's
 - i. The lowest ranked Club in the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's will be eligible for relegation to the

PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's

- ii. The highest ranked Club in PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's will be eligible for promotion to PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's
- f) Promotion and relegation between PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's;
 - i. The lowest ranked Club in the PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's will be eligible for relegation to the Football NSW State League Men's
 - ii. The highest ranked Club in Football NSW State League Men's will be eligible for promotion to PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's

13. Promotion and Relegation from 2017 to 2018 – Boy's Youth Competitions

- a) There is to be no promotion or relegation between any tiers of Youth competitions based on Youth League playing results. There will however be promotion and relegation between PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth and PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth (1 up and 1 down) based upon the Senior Club Championship of PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's and PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's.
- b) There will be no relegation of any clubs participating in PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth.

14. Promotion and Relegation from 2017 to 2018 – Women's Competitions

- a) Eligibility for promotion and relegation will be determined by use of Club Championship rankings as defined in the Regulations, as well as any other criteria deemed appropriate by the Board
- b) Following are the principles by which Clubs will become eligible for promotion or relegation to 2018 leagues at the conclusion of the 2017 football Season;
 - i. Club highest in ranking in the relevant Club Championship will be eligible for promotion; and
 - ii. Club lowest in ranking in the relevant Club Championship will be eligible for relegation
- c) Promotion and relegation is subject to Club's meeting criteria including but not limited to all articles of the Regulations, the Stadium Technical Requirements, official FNSW application documents, and any other criteria as determined by the Board
- d) Promotion and relegation between PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's and PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's;
 - i. The lowest ranked Club in the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's will be eligible for relegation to the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's
 - ii. The highest ranked Club in PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's will be eligible for promotion to PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's
- e) Promotion and relegation between PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's and Football NSW State League Women's
 - i. The lowest ranked Club in the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's will be eligible for relegation to the Football NSW State League Women's
 - ii. The highest ranked Club in Football NSW State League Women's will be eligible for promotion to the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's

15. Competition Points

- a) Points will be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches:
 - i. Win - 3 points
 - ii. Draw - 1 point each Team
 - iii. Bye - no points
 - iv. Loss - no points
 - v. Forfeit - 3 points to the Team receiving the forfeit

16. Competition System

- a) All Senior Men's Competitions and all Women's Competitions (Except for Cup Competitions) will consist of two (2) stages;
 - i. Premiership consisting of home and away Matches or any League format as approved by the Executive; and
 - ii. Championship consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by the Executive
- b) Cup Competitions will consist of either;
 - i. Straight knockout Matches involving all entered Teams or seeded round entry as approved by the Executive; or
 - ii. Round Robin Competition followed by a knockout finals series, in accordance with these Regulations, or as amended by the Executive.
- c) The PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth Tier 2 and Football NSW Association Youth League will consist of a Premiership comprising of home and away Matches or any League format as approved by the Executive
- d) The Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program & Football NSW Girl's Skill Acquisition Programs will consist of a League format supported by gala days administered by FNSW

17. Technical Rules for the Championship

- a) All Championship Matches will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single match, in a venue to be chosen by FNSW
- b) For purposes of allocating a home Team, the Team appearing first in the format below will be considered the home Team for each respective match in the Championship series
- c) Teams will play a single Match and the Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match
- d) If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a Championship Match they will be conducted as per these Regulations
- e) The following format will be used for the Championship Matches of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's:

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Preliminary Semi Final	2nd v 3rd
	2	Elimination Semi Final	4th v 5th
2	3	Major Semi Final	1st v Winner Match 1
	4	Minor Semi Final	Loser Match 1 v Winner Match 2
3	5	Preliminary Final	Loser Match 3 v Winner Match 4
4	6	Grand Final	Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 5

- f) The Following format will be used for the Championship Matches of the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's competitions:

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Elimination Final 1	3rd v 6th
	2	Elimination Semi 2	4th v 5th
2	3	Semi Final 1	1st v Lowest Ranked winner from week 1
	4	Semi Final 2	2nd v highest ranked winner of week 1
3	5	Grand Final	Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2

- g) The Following format will be used for the Championship Matches of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's, Football NSW State League Women's and Football NSW State League Men's competitions:

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Major Semi Final	1st v 2nd
	2	Minor Semi Final	3th v 4th
2	3	Preliminary Final	Loser Match 1 v Winner Match 2
3	4	Grand Final	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 3

18. Technical Rules for Cup Competitions

- FNSW Cup competitions will be conducted in accordance with the knockout system involving all entered Teams or seeded round entry as approved by the Executive, in venues chosen by FNSW
- Any Pre-Season Cup, when conducted, will be conducted as a round robin Competition followed by a final
- FNSW may from time to time conduct other cup Competitions in accordance with these Regulations or the regulations of a third party approved by the Board
- If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a cup Match they will be conducted as per these Regulations
- Clubs competing in PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's and PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's and Football NSW State League Women's may be exempted from the early rounds of Cup Competition

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- f) FNSW will conduct the competition draw by either:
 - i. Drawing the competing Teams into pairs, then following each round complete the draw in the same manner for all remaining rounds; or
 - ii. Drawing the Teams into pairs and then drawing the “winners” of the matches and any seeded teams for all remaining rounds up to and including the final

19. Colours/Clash of Colours

- a) All Clubs are required to submit their first choice and reserve kit colours to Football NSW prior to the Competition commencing
- b) Clubs are required to wear their first choice kit colours for all Matches unless there is a clash of colours and the referee has determined one team must change
- c) During any Fixture the teams of the same Club must wear the same colour playing kit unless ordered expressly otherwise by the referee to resolve a clash with the Match Officials kit
- d) Unless already determined and communicated by Football NSW, the referee will be the sole decision maker of a clash of colours
- e) In the case of a clash of colours of field Players the visiting team will be required to wear their reserve playing kit
- f) In the case of a colour clash the referee may order the visiting team to wear their reserve kit or a combination of the reserve playing kit and first choice playing kit in order to resolve the clash
- g) In the case of goal keeper's colours clashing with either the opponent's field Players, goal keeper or the Match Official's kit, the referee will determine which keeper will change, always keeping in mind the principle that the visiting team should change
- h) In the case of a combination of first choice and reserve kit colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the referee will determine the final colours to be worn by all players and Match Officials
- i) Failure to comply with this article, or as expanded upon in the FNSW Equipment, Commercial and Media Regulations may result in a fine of \$200

20. Substitution and Interchange

Substitution

- a) For 1st grade of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's each Team may, at its discretion, substitute three (3) players at any time during a Match
- b) In the following competitions, each Team may, at its discretion, substitute five (5) Players at any time during a Match
 - i. U20 and U18 of the PlayStation NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's & PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's
 - ii. 1st and reserve grade of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's and Football NSW State League Women's
 - iii. FNSW Cup Competitions (excluding the WFFA Cup, please refer to WFFA Cup Competition Regulations)
- c) Once a Player is substituted, they cannot return to the field of play to participate in the Match
- d) Only Players that take the pitch are deemed to have participated in the match

Interchange

- d) For all Competitions not referred to in Substitution above, unlimited interchange applies
- e) For clarity, at any Pre-Season Cup Competition unlimited interchange will apply
- f) Following is the procedure and rules for the unlimited interchange of Players:
 - i. The "Interchange zone" will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line, as defined in the FNSW Stadium Technical Requirements
 - ii. An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
 - a. The Player leaving the field will do so from the touch line, crossing over at the sector called the interchange zone
 - b. The Player entering the field will also do so from the interchange zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line
 - c. A player nominated for interchange will be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not
 - d. The interchange is completed when the Player who was off the field, enters the field
 - iii. The number of interchanges made during a Match is unlimited. A Player who has been replaced may return to the field for another Player
 - iv. If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field before the replaced Player has completely left it, the referee will ensure the replaced Player leaves the field, then caution the interchange Player and then restart the Match
 - v. If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field or a replaced Player leaves it from a place other than the interchange zone, the referee will caution the offending Player
 - vi. The interchanging of Players will cease at the completion of normal and extra time. If at this time penalty kicks are required to obtain a result, then the eleven (11) Players on the field at the end of extra time are the only Players permitted to participate in the penalty kicks. No interchanging at this time is permissible
 - vii. Note: If during the taking of the penalty kicks the Goalkeeper is injured he / she may be replaced with another Goalkeeper providing the replacement was listed on the team sheet
- g) Substitutes and interchange players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the referee
- h) Any Player listed on the team sheet is deemed to have participated in the match

21. Clubs Removed or Withdrawn from Competitions

- a) In the event of any Team withdrawing or being removed from the Competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered Competitions to proceed to a conclusion;
 - i. Removed or withdrawing before Competition has started; Bye result will apply in Competitions
 - ii. Removed or withdrawing during first rounds; For all opposing Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Team (for the complete first round), points and goals against the withdrawn Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result. Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Team will obtain a bye result

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- iii. Removed or withdrawing during the second round; All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams for the completed first round. Points and goals acquired against such withdrawn Team will be lost and bye results will be credited for the second half of the Competition

22. Withdrawal and Forfeit from Cup Fixtures

- a) Clubs failing to give satisfactory reasons for failing to participate in a scheduled cup fixture or withdrawing at short notice from a cup Match may not be permitted to enter the Competition the following season, will pay the expenses incurred by the other Club, Match Official fees and may be further sanctioned by FNSW

23. Club Officials and Match Coordinators

- a) All Clubs must supply three (3) jacketed officials at all Matches who are required report to the Match Commissioner (where appointed) or referee where a Match Commissioner is not appointed, fifteen (15) minutes prior to kick-off of the Match
- b) All jacketed officials are to wear clothing that easily identifies them as Club Officials (i.e. brightly coloured bibs)
- c) Failure to supply and identify the three (3) jacketed officials will result in a fine of \$50 per offence

24. Liquids During Play

- a) Liquids may only be drunk during stoppages in play
- b) Drinks must be contained in plastic bottles and handed to the Players on the touch lines
- c) It is forbidden to throw bottles or other receptacles on to the field of play
- d) The goalkeeper may keep a plastic bottle in the corner of his/her goal
- e) Plastic bottles may be placed around the pitch at least one (1) metre away from the touch lines and goal lines, but only as long as they do not obstruct the Match Officials in the course of their duty

25. Twenty Five (25) Metre Rule

- a) The 25 metre rule will be implemented in the U13 age grades of the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Youth, PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Youth and Football NSW Association Youth League and U13 age grade of the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Women's, PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Women's and Football NSW State Leagues as follows:
 - i. Goal kicks will be taken from anywhere within the 5.5 metre area (6 yard box) and defending Players will be required to retreat at least twenty-five (25) metres to allow the attacking Team to build up play out of the back third
 - ii. An attacking Player will not be able to encroach inside the 25 metre area until a defending Player has had his/her first touch of the ball once the whole of the ball has vacated the 18yrd box
 - iii. If an attacking Player encroaches prior to the defending Player having his/her first touch then the goal kick will be retaken
 - iv. The 25 metre line must be marked by the Home Club via placement of a cone or pole to the side of both touch lines, 25 metres from the goal line at both ends of the field

If in the opinion of the Referee, the 25 metre rule is being utilised to waste time by either the attacking or defending Team, the Players guilty of the perceived time wasting will be cautioned

26. Match Schedule and Kick-Off Times

- a) FNSW will communicate the official match schedule for all Competitions
- b) FNSW will determine the venue of all Premiership, Championship and Cup matches
- c) Final match dates and kick-off times for all Matches will be determined by the Executive
- d) All matches must be conducted on the scheduled day and commence on the stipulated kick-off time.
- e) Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$200
- f) FNSW, in setting down kick-off times, may start Matches at 8:30 am for any daytime fixture which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday
- g) FNSW may also schedule midweek evening Matches to accommodate Premiership washed out or deferred Fixtures as well as Cup Competitions
- h) Should serious delays be experienced in Matches scheduled prior to a 1st grade Match, any number of Matches will be reduced in time, whilst retaining the principle of equal halves, to ensure that the 1st Grade Match commences on time
- j) Clubs will not arrange other Matches or Fixtures until after the official Matches and Fixtures are settled
- k) nor improperly interfere with other Clubs home Competition Matches or Fixtures
- l) Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of Fixtures will be referred to and decided by the Executive
- m) Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, the Executive reserve the right to alter or amend any Fixture after it has been nominated in the official match schedule. The alterations could be to the date, venue, kick-off times or a combination of all providing the Clubs involved are given seven (7) days prior notice
- n) Changes to the official match schedule for all Leagues will only be considered in exceptional circumstance. Any application for a change of venue must be submitted to FNSW, along with reasoning and documentary proof of the "exceptional circumstance" validating the requirements for a venue change, no later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled Match
- o) Any application for a change to the official match schedule within seven (7) days will only be considered by the executive if in its absolute discretion that it is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, including if a venue has become unavailable at no fault of the club

27. Wet Weather Affected Fixtures

In all instances, where rain preceding a Fixture raised fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules are to apply, so that Players, Match Officials and the public can be given correct notice of intentions:

- a) Day/s prior to the scheduled Match day:
 - i. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to contact the relevant venue operator or his/her nominee the day prior to the scheduled Match day to ascertain whether the ground will be fit for play. If the field has been closed, the Home Club coordinator is to immediately contact FNSW and the Away Club coordinator to inform them

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- b) Day of the scheduled Match:
- i. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to inspect the particular ground at 6:00am or the earliest possible time and decide whether play can take place, in the event that match day is washed out article 27 (b) v. will apply
 - ii. In the event no decision is made as per article 26 (b) i. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee, the venue operator or his/her nominee and the appointed referee or his/her nominee, are to meet at the particular ground at 7:30am
 - iii. The referee or his/her nominee is to inspect the ground and decide whether play can take place:
 - a. At all; or
 - b. Providing no further rain falls
 - iv. In the event of article 27(b) (ii) the referee is to decide whether all grades should be played or otherwise
 - v. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to SMS the referee's decision to FNSW immediately after the decision is made, the SMS is to include the following:
 - a. Competition Name
 - b. Date
 - c. Round Number
 - d. Time (s)
 - e. Venue
 - f. Age Grades
 - g. Home Team v Away Team
 - vi. The Home Club coordinator or his/her nominee is to advise the Away Club coordinator immediately after the decision is made
 - vii. FNSW will communicate any field closures to the respective referee appointment officer who will in turn inform the Match Officials
 - viii. All Away Clubs and Match Officials should check with the Home Club before departing for the venue
 - ix. In the case of Fixtures outside the Sydney Metropolitan area, the Home Club coordinator will be responsible for conveying the relevant information to FNSW by 7:00am on match days. Referees officiating at Fixtures outside the Sydney Metropolitan area should check with the FNSW Referees Manager before departure from Sydney
 - x. Failure to adhere to any part of this article may result in a fine of \$100

28. Rescheduling of Matches or Fixtures Due to Adverse Weather and Unavailability

- a) Rescheduling of Matches or Fixtures affected by adverse weather or unavailability will be arranged by the relevant Clubs in the first instance
- b) Matches or Fixtures are to be rescheduled, subject to ground availability and weather conditions, to be played within fourteen (14) days of the original scheduled date
- c) Clubs will be given 48 hours after the postponement to determine the venue and date
- d) Failure to comply with Article 28 b) and c) may result in FNSW rescheduling the Match or Fixture at a time and place of its choosing

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- e) A change of grounds is to be permitted for good reason (adverse weather only) up to the Thursday evening prior to normal weekend playing days, or at least two (2) days before any other playing day. In circumstances where such change occurs, or where cancellation becomes effective, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to notify the opposing contact, as well as FNSW as soon as practical.

29. Disruption of Fixture Due to Adverse Weather

- a) When the Referee finds it necessary to stop play, owing to adverse weather, he/she will wait a reasonable length of time before deciding to abandon or postpone the match

30. Postponed Fixtures and Matches

- a) Fixtures and Matches may only be postponed by the referee or FNSW
- b) In the event of any Fixture or Match not being played owing to weather or other causes over which neither Club has any control, on being ordered to be rescheduled or completed, it shall be played within fourteen (14) days of the first postponement
- c) Clubs will be given 48 hours after the postponement to determine the venue and date
- d) Failure to comply with the above Regulation will result in FNSW determining the venue and date
- e) After the commencement of the Match, should play be postponed due to injury, poor weather, failed lighting, state of the pitch or any other reason as determined by the referee, and the Match cannot be completed in full, and FNSW has approved the rescheduled match, it will recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full. The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the Match:
 - i. The Match will recommence with the same Players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the Match was initially postponed unless a player has received a Suspension in matches conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match.
 - ii. Should a player have received a Suspension in a match conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match that player:
 - a. Will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled match
 - b. Will not be able to count the match as a stand down in relation to any fixture Suspension
 - c. The club will not be permitted to replace the player on the team sheet
 - d. If the player was on the field of play at the time of the postponement the player may be replaced by a substitute listed on the team sheet as long as the team has available substitutions as per the Regulations
 - e. If the Player was a substitute the number of available Players to substitute will decrease as they player cannot be replaced
 - iii. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of Players on the team sheet
 - iv. The Teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the Match was postponed
 - v. Players sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced
 - vi. FNSW will endeavour to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however may appoint replacements should any or all of the Match Officials be unavailable
 - vii. The referee is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual

elapsed time as recorded by the referee

- viii. Should a Match be abandoned due to the fault of one (1) Team, or should it be determined by FNSW that one (1) Team / Club is responsible for the delay to the Match, the remaining minutes will not be rescheduled for completion, and the Match will be determined as a forfeit against the Team / Club that is deemed guilty of the abandonment or responsible for the delay
- ix. Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the match was actually postponed, FNSW will treat the Match as postpones

31. Abandoned Matches

- a) In cases where a Fixture has been abandoned by the referee, a Tribunal may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or Spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment
- b) When a Match is not played or abandoned for any reason over which neither Club was responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by the Executive, in accordance with these Regulations
- c) When a Match is abandoned for any reason other than stated in section 2 article 30(b) the match may only be replayed by the authority of the Executive
- d) Should a Club, Club Official, its Players or Spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition

32. Forfeits

- a) Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
 - i. They fail to fulfill an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
 - ii. They refuse or fail to begin a Match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
 - iii. They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
 - iv. At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players; or
 - v. An ineligible player as defined in these Regulations participates in the match;
 - vi. Any other scenario within the Regulations or the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match
- b) In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect;
 - i. Full points allocated for the Match will be forfeited to the opponent Team and the goals recorded according to 3 goals scored by the Team getting the points and 0 by the Team who has infringed the regulation, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than 3, in which case they will receive the number of goals for scored in the match, with the forfeiting Team receiving nil
 - ii. Offending Clubs will pay all appropriate Match Officials fees, whether or not the Match Officials were in attendance, and pay compensation to the opposing Club. Compensation will be determined by the Executive.
 - iii. On a second forfeit, the Club involved will be required to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the Competition, and the Team will, in addition to any fine imposed and loss of Match points should the result have been a win in their favour or a draw, forfeit four (4) additional

Competition points

- iv. If a Club does not have sufficient Players to field a 1st grade Team, the club will forfeit all age grades included in the Club Championship for that fixture. Men's Club Championship is defined as U18, U20 & 1st Grade, Women's Club Championship is defined as U17, Reserve Grade & 1st Grade. The points will be awarded as a 3-0 win to the Team receiving the forfeit unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than 3, in which case they will receive the number of goals for scored in the match, with the forfeiting Team receiving nil.
- c) Fines for forfeited Matches in FNSW Competitions are:
 - i. 1st forfeited match in a Season \$250
 - ii. Subsequent forfeited Match/s in the same football Season \$500
- d) Should a Team forfeit its last scheduled Premiership Match without prior written advice from FNSW permitting the match to be rescheduled, the Clubs that causes the match to be forfeited will not be eligible for participate in the Championship Series.

33. Match Deferments

- a) A Club may seek FNSW permission to have Matches deferred in the following cases;
 - i. When an epidemic affects the availability of Players
 - ii. When more than two (2) Players of a Team are involved in a FNSW or National Team representative Match at the time of the Fixture
 - iii. In circumstances which the Executive at its discretion consider of sufficient weight to merit a deferral
- b) Clubs seeking to defer Matches in regards to items ii. and iii. above must submit their request in writing to FNSW giving a minimum 21 days' notice of the date on which deferment will be sought

34. Matches Conducted Under Artificial Light

- a) A Fixture may be played wholly or in part under floodlights, provided that any alteration to starting times will have been given due approval and that the standard of lighting meets the requirements contained in the Stadium Technical Requirements

35. Trial Matches

- a) Clubs will not arrange trial Matches without first submitting the prescribed form to FNSW at least seven (7) days prior to the requested trial Match date
- b) The Match then can only be conducted upon receipt of written approval from FNSW
- c) Payment for Match Officials at trial Matches will be as communicated by the Competition Department. All fees are to be paid by the participating Clubs to the Match Officials on the day of the Match except where FNSW directs, failure to do so will result in a fine of \$25 per match
- d) Appearance of suspended Players in trial Matches is in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

36. Overseas Tours and Travel

- a) Clubs wishing to arrange overseas tours and travel must obtain the written approval of FNSW not less than eight (8) weeks prior to departure. The overseas tours and travel also must ensure that such travel does not interfere with Fixtures of other Clubs in FNSW Competitions. Any overseas tour that may interfere with Competition Fixtures must be played prior to overseas travel and arranged fourteen (14) days in advance. Failure to do so will result in the overseas tour and travel not being sanctioned by FNSW and forfeits will apply to matches that interfere with Competition Fixtures.

37. Friendly Matches and Visiting Teams

- a) Clubs wishing to arrange friendly Match/s must obtain the written approval of FNSW not less than fourteen (14) days before Match/s and also must ensure that such Match/s do not interfere with Fixtures of other Clubs in FNSW Competitions
- b) Club Matches versus visiting overseas or interstate Teams as distinct from organised tours by FNSW and/or the FFA will be only authorised upon such terms and conditions as determined by the Executive from time to time

38. Protests

- a) Protests must be lodged and received at FNSW head office no later than two (2) days after the Match was played
- b) Protests will only be considered for obvious breaches of the laws of the game that clearly had a material effect on the outcome of the Match
- c) No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials or decisions of facts relating to play
- d) Protests must be accompanied by a \$150 administration fee in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest. A refund may apply at the discretion of the executive if a protest is upheld.

Section 3: Eligibility

1. Age Eligibility

- a) The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age grades of the Competitions. Players must be within these ranges in order to be eligible for registration:

Age Grade	Birth Date
U20	For players born on or after 1 January 1997
U18	For players born on or after 1 January 1999
U17	For players born on or after 1 January 2000
U16	For players born on or after 1 January 2001
U15	For players born on or after 1 January 2002
U14	For players born on or after 1 January 2003
U13	For players born on or after 1 January 2004
U12	For players born on or after 1 January 2005
U11	For players born on or after 1 January 2006
U10	For players born on or after 1 January 2007
U9	For players born on or after 1 January 2008

2. Hyundai A-League (HAL) Academy Clubs

- a) To be eligible to participate in a 2017 1st Grade the player must:
- Be born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2001 (inclusive); and
 - Be an Australian Player as defined by the Hyundai A-League & Foxtel National Youth League Player Contract Regulations 2016/2017.
- b) An HAL Academy Team may register up to three (3) Players to their PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW 1st Grade team roster who are older than the eligible age bracket as prescribed in 6.2 a) where the following criteria are satisfied in respect to that player:
- Be born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1996 (inclusive); and
 - The player must be an Australian Player as defined in the Hyundai A-League & Foxtel National Youth League Player Contract Regulations 2016/2017; and
 - The player must have appeared in the starting eleven (11) in no more than ten (10) matches during the 2016/2017 Hyundai A-League season for any Hyundai A-League Club; and
 - the Player is currently registered with the NYL Team's Hyundai A-League Club on a Standard Player Contract; or
 - the Player's immediately prior registration was as an NYL amateur for the NYL 2016/17 season.

3. Eligibility and Ineligibility of Players General

- a) Eligible Players:
- An eligible Player is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations
- b) Ineligible Players: Ineligible Players include;
- Unregistered Players

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- ii. Suspended Players
 - iii. A Player who participates in the Match but is not listed on the team sheet
 - iv. A Player who is required to stand down for receiving the required number of cautions
 - v. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the day/s prior to a Match but after the regular Disciplinary Committee hearing date
 - vi. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Match but played early in the day
 - vii. A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- c) Any Team will automatically lose a match on forfeit and be fined \$250, if an ineligible player participates in the match or, if at the time of the match, the Team is in breach of the cap on Visa Players set out in the Player Points System
 - d) Additionally the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may further sanctioned in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
 - e) For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any Match

4. Age Eligibility in Premiership Matches – Men’s & Youth Competitions

- a) For the Men’s 1st Grade, (excluding HAL Academies reference section 3.2), U20, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13, grades:
 - i. As long as they are age eligible, players are permitted to play in any of the 1st Grade, U20, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13 age grades during the Premiership
 - ii. Additionally, Clubs are permitted to play four (4) over age 1st Grade players in U20 in any given Match
- b) For the Youth U16, U15, U14 and U13 age grades:
 - i. Clubs will not be permitted to leave any player off the team sheet unless that player is injured, absent through illness, or any other reason that is deemed appropriate by the Football NSW Executive. Clubs deemed to have breached this article will be fined \$500
 - ii. Players are permitted to play up in any higher age grades of their Club, including across different divisions
 - iii. Clubs that have squads in the SAP are able to field players from the U12 team in their U13 team
 - iv. Association Youth League will be permitted to field players from an Associations SAP

5. Age Eligibility in Premiership Matches – Women’s Competitions

- a) For the Women’s 1st Grade and Reserve grade:
 - i. As long as they are eligible, players are permitted to play in 1st Grade and Reserve Grade during the Premiership
 - ii. Players registered to the 1st Grade and Reserve grade cannot play down into the U17-U13 age grades regardless of being age eligible
- b) For the Women’s U17, U15, and U13 age grades:
 - i. As long as they are age eligible, players are permitted to play in any of the U17-U13 age grades during

the Premiership excluding those players registered to 1st Grade and Reserve Grade as per section 3 art.5 ii

- ii. Clubs will not be permitted to leave any player off the team sheet unless that player is injured, absent through illness, or any other reason that is deemed appropriate by the Football NSW Executive. Clubs deemed to have breached this article will be fined \$500
- iii. Players are permitted to play up in any higher age grades of their Club during the Premiership
- iv. Clubs that have full time Girl's SAP or Girl's players who play in the Clubs SAP are able to field players from their U12 team who are born in 2005 in their U13 team.
- v. Clubs that have part time Girl's SAP will not be permitted to field players in their U13 team

6. Eligibility of Players in Championship Fixtures

Men's Competitions:

- a) For the Men's 1st Grade, (excluding HAL Academies reference article 3.2), U20, and U18 grades:
 - i. As long as a player is age eligible they are permitted to play in any of the 1st Grade, U20, and U18 U16 grades of their club during the Championship
 - ii. Other than the goal keeper, no overage player is eligible to play in an U20 grade Championship Match if he has actually taken the field for 1st Grade in two (2) of his last three (3) Premiership matches in which his Club has played

Women's Competitions:

- b) 1st Grade:
 - i. As long as a player is eligible they will be available for selection for a Club in Championship Matches
- c) Reserve Grade:
 - i. No player other than a goalkeeper will be eligible to play in a reserve grade Championship Match if she has actually taken the field for 1st Grade in two (2) of her last three (3) Premiership Fixtures in which her Club has played
- d) U17, U15 and U13:
 - i. Players in the U17 – U13 age groups can play in any higher age grade at their club during the Championship without it affecting their eligibility to play in their registered age grade matches.
 - ii. Players registered to 1st Grade and Reserve Grade are not permitted to play down into the U17 – U13 age grades regardless of being age eligible.

7. Eligibility of Players Cup Competitions

- a) Pre-Season Competitions:
 - i. Each Club may list three (3) "trial" Players on the team sheet in each of the pool matches of the Pre-Season Cup. All other Players used in these Matches must be currently registered players with FNSW
 - ii. Only FNSW registered Players may be used in the Final Match
 - iii. A "trial" player may take the field for more than one Club in the Pre-Season Cup
- b) All Other Cup Competitions;
 - i. Only players registered with FNSW in accordance with these Regulations may represent a Club in cup

Fixtures

- ii. No Player will be permitted to play for more than one Club in any Cup Competition per season

8. Relative Age Effect (RAE)

- a) The relative age effect (RAE) principle allows for Players born in the last three (3) months of the year to offset any physical disadvantage to Players born in the earlier months of the year by playing down an age group
- b) RAE consideration will be provided to Players born in the first 9 months of the year who have height and weight results, when assessed, below the 50th percentile as listed in the following table and elaborated on in Schedules 4 through 5 of the Regulations

Age Group	Height (cm) – 50th percentile		Weight (kg) – 50th percentile	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
12 years	150.90 – 154.30	153.40 – 156.50	40.14 – 43.32	43.54 – 46.49
13 years	157.80 – 161.90	158.90 – 159.30	46.38 – 49.89	48.53 – 50.12
14 years	166.00 – 168.60	161.00 – 161.60	53.52 – 56.81	51.94 – 52.96
15 years	170.80 – 173.10	162.20 – 164.00	57.72 – 61.35	52.84 – 56.25
16 years	173.30 – 175.70		62.71 – 66.11	

- c) RAE will be implemented in the U9 to U16 age groups of FNSW Competitions
- d) Clubs must request for RAE assessment by FNSW for any player who is seeking RAE status
- e) Registration as an RAE Player is only possible if FNSW has granted RAE status to a Player following FNSW assessment processes
- f) FNSW will communicate the process for RAE assessment prior to the annual trial period
- g) For the applicable age grades of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth, Football NSW Association Youth League, PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's and Football NSW State Leagues Women;
 - i. Each applicable Team in a Club is limited to one (1) approved RAE Player unless a special exemption is provided by FNSW on a case by case basis
 - ii. Any FNSW approved RAE Player must be accommodated in the teams maximum squad numbers
 - iii. RAE Players must have the ability to play up in his / her birth year Team if assessed as able by the Club technical director, Club coach or FNSW
- h) For Football NSW SAP & Football NSW Girls SAP:
 - i. Each applicable age grade is limited to two (2) RAE Players unless a special exemption is provided by FNSW on a case by case basis
 - ii. RAE Players are to fall within the permitted squad totals. For clarity RAE Players cannot be registered in addition to the maximum squad totals
 - iii. SAP Technical directors can make the determination of RAE status in their licence. For clarity, players seeking RAE status in U13 competition after leaving SAP will need to seek approval from FNSW

9. Player Identification Sheets

- a) Player identification sheets are to be made available to the opposing Team manager for perusal prior to the commencement of the Match, and it will be his / her duty to return the sheets to the Club after checking that they are in order
- b) Players for any Team that are not included on the player identification sheets are not permitted to take the field of play
- c) Any Team who cannot produce at least seven (7) Players that appear on the respective Player identification sheet for any Match will not have enough eligible Players to commence the Match and will be deemed to have forfeited the Match.
- d) The referee is to report the reason for the forfeit on the team sheet and submit it to FNSW, signed by both Team managers
- e) Opposing Team managers are responsible for sighting the Player identification sheets prior to the Match. Should a Team suspect the opposition of replacing any Player between the initial identification sheet check and the commencement of either the first or second half, the following procedure must be followed:
 - i. The manager of the Team suspecting a breach informs the Manager of the opposing Team that he / she wishes to check the identity of the specific Player/s
 - ii. The Team managers of both Teams, along with the referee and 4th Official (should a 4th Official be appointed) check the identity of the Player/s in question against the player identification sheet and the team sheet, on the field of play before the Player/s leaves the field of play at either the half time interval or conclusion of the Match
 - iii. Should it be determined that the Team has fielded an ineligible Player, FNSW is to be contacted immediately for further guidance to determine if the Match is to continue or if it will be immediately forfeited in favor of the Team that did not breach the regulation. If Football NSW is unable to be contacted the match should proceed and the match officials are to submit incident reports post-match through the incident report procedure.
 - iv. Should it be determined that both teams fielded an ineligible player FNSW will determine whether the match is to be replayed, void and if any sanction should be imposed on the Clubs, Club Officials and / or Players involved
 - v. Should any Team Official or Player refuse to follow the above procedure the Match will immediately be forfeited to the opposing Team to the Official or Player that has refused to co-operate
 - vi. In all cases the referee will report the incident to FNSW
- f) Any Club, Team Official and / or Player that is found to have breached this article may sanctioned pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- g) Failure of Teams to produce player identity sheets on request will result in a fine of \$250

10. Player Points System (PPS) – Men's

- a) The Player Point System for PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's and PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's is as detailed in Schedule 8.
- b) The maximum points cap for PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's in 2017 is 200
- c) The maximum points cap for PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's in 2017 is 270, for season 2018 it will reduce to 250, for season 2019 will it further reduce to 220, and for season 2020 it will be set at 200 points. For

further details relating to the PPS for the PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's Competition please refer to schedule 10

- d) Breach of the PPS during the season, either via fielding an ineligible player, falling below the minimum player roster, or upgrading players that result in "1st team" players in excess of the maximum, will result in a forfeit against the offending team.
- e) FNSW will work with the clubs prior to the season commencing to ensure that Club registrations meet the cap requirements.
- f) Clubs are required to submit a preliminary Player Points Report on the official form, by email to Football NSW no later than 5:00pm Friday 9th December 2016
- g) Clubs are required to submit a final Player Points Report on the official form, by email to Football NSW no later than;
 - i. 5:00pm of the advertised closing date for the registration window of the respective Competitions.

11. Player Points System (PPS) – Women's

- a) The PPS applies to the 1st Grade and Reserve Grade squads of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions
- b) The maximum points total for a forty (40) Player combined 1st and Reserve Grade squad in the 2017 PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's Competition is 480
- c) Should a Club register less than forty (40) players the cap will be reduced by 12.5 points (the average per Player) for each Player under the maximum of forty (40) players
- d) A Club newly entering at the level of PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's or PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's, either through promotion / relegation or at the invitation of FNSW independent of the previous season's results will be given an additional fifty (50) points to their PPS cap in their first season of entry
- e) The Senior Player and Youth Player advancement points adjustments can be used either;
 - i. in the same season the player moves to the FNSWI or WWL should the move happen during the football season; or
 - ii. in the season immediately following the season in which the player moves to the FNSWI or WWL; or
 - iii. In the season immediately following the move should the move occur outside the FNSW football season
- f) Each Player has a base score of 10 points. The following table details the points adjustment depending on the Player's history;

Category Name	Category Description	Points Adjustment	Commentary
Visa Player	Visa Player selected to the 1st or Reserve Grade squad	+10	Clubs are permitted a maximum of 2 Visa Players per squad. Points are added per Visa Player
Switching Player	Players who have switched clubs from the preceding season and are in the 1st or Reserve Grade squad	+8	Added points if a player switches clubs
Standard Player	All players in the 1st and Reserve Grade squad	0	No penalty for players over the age of 25 years
Pathways Player	Players that have previously left the club and registered directly with a "Pathway" team (i.e. WWL or FNSWI) and are returning to the club directly from those teams	0	No switching player penalty for players who have left a club, joined a pathway team and subsequently returned to the club
Senior Player Advancement	Player who is recruited from the Club's First Team squad by a WWL or FNSWI team for the first time	- 8	A one off deduction attributed to the club's total points when a player is recruited to the WWL or FNSWI for the first time
Youth Player Advancement	Player who is recruited from the Club's youth teams by a WWL or FNSWI team	-3	A one off deduction attributed to the club's total points when a player is recruited to the WWL or FNSWI for the first time
Loyalty Bonus	Player who has played in the 1st or Reserve Team for at least four consecutive seasons. This concession cannot be in addition to the "Home-Grown Player" concession	-1	-1 for each season (cumulative to a maximum of 5) in which the player is playing at least her fifth consecutive season for the Club's 1st or Reserve Team
Home Grown Player Bonus	Player who has risen through the youth development system within the club to be selected in the 1st or Reserve Grade team	-1	-1 for each season (cumulative to a maximum of 5) the player has been registered to the clubs U17, U15 or U13 teams
Note: combined, the Loyalty Bonus and Home Grown Player Bonus cannot exceed 5 points			

Section 4: Registration

1. Player Status

- a) Players who are registered participants in FNSW Competitions will be either Amateur or Professional Players as prescribed in the National Registration Regulations (NRR)
- b) Clubs are required to record the status of each Player on MyFootballClub by having the player self-register as either Amateur or Professional
- c) Players who participate for Clubs who play in the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's and PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions can be either Amateur or Professional in accordance with the permissible total Professional players indicated in these Regulations
- d) All Players in other Leagues must be registered as Amateur Players

2. Amateur or Professional Player

- a) A Professional is a Player who has a written contract with a Club, under which he or she is paid to play football for that Club
- b) An Amateur is any player that is not a Professional. A Club may pay or reimburse an Amateur Player any expenses incurred by that Player without affecting that Player's Amateur status, including travel, kit, equipment or insurance premiums. If however, an Amateur Player is paid or reimbursed more than \$100 a week by a Club, the onus is on that Club to satisfy FNSW that the amount paid accurately reflects the expenses incurred by that Player. If the Club fails to satisfy this onus, that Player will be deemed to be a Professional Player

3. Reacquisition of Amateur Status

- a) A Player registered as a Professional Player cannot re-register as an Amateur Player until at least thirty (30) days after his or her last Match as a Professional Player

4. Process for the Registration of an Amateur

- a) All Amateur Players must be registered via the MyFootballClub system. The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club and allocated to the respective team within the national online registration system.
- b) The registration can be effected through the player self-registering via the MyFootballClub system and the Club accepting the Player's registration
- c) If a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or similar form of identification

5. Application Process for Registration of a Professional

- a) A Player is eligible to be registered with FNSW as a Professional Player with a Club only if;
 - i. The Player has self-registered via the MyFootballClub system and the Club has accepted the Player's registration; (If a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport or drivers licence) and
 - ii. An original Professional Player contract signed by the Club and the Player seeking to be registered is lodged with FNSW; and

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- iii. The requirements set out in (i) and (ii), above, are completed during the prescribed registration period
 - b) The registration of a Professional Player with a Club is effective from the date of registration as entered by FNSW on the prescribed form and continues in accordance with the Professional Player contract

6. Application Process for Registration of Team Officials

- a) Clubs are required to submit registrations for all Team Officials who they appoint to Teams including but not limited to Coaches, physiotherapists, team managers, and gear stewards
- b) The registration can be effected through:
 - i. The Team Official self-registering via the MyFootballClub System and the Club accepting the Team Officials registration and
 - ii. Have met the Working with Kids and Child Protection requirements as communicated by Football NSW
- c) Failure to comply will result in non – issue of ID Card

7. Submission of Registrations

- a) All registrations must submitted via MyFootballClub, with allocation to the respective team, and a passport style photo (head and shoulders ONLY) is to be uploaded into the Player or Match Officials profile within the communicated registration period
- b) All Clubs must submit registrations for all Players and Team Officials as listed in these Competition Regulations
- c) All registrations during advertised registration dates must be submitted to FNSW no later than 11:00pm on Wednesday prior to the weekends fixtures to be eligible for that weekend
- d) On the Closing Date of each registration period; registrations must be lodged by no later than 5.00pm of the specified date

8. Registration Periods

- a) Any Player Registration or Loan to a Club may only occur within the registration periods. FNSW registration periods for season 2017 will be as follows:

League	Amateur Player Window	Professional Player Window
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's	1st December – 24th February	2nd December – 24th February
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	22nd May – 16th June
PlayStation 4 NSW 2 Men's	1st December – 17th February	2nd December – 17th February
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	22nd May – 16th June
PlayStation 4 NSW 3 Men's	1st December – 24th of February	1st December – 24th of February
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	22nd May – 16th June
State League Men's	3rd January – 24th March	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth	1st December – 17th February	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth	1st December – 24th February	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's	1st December – 17th March	1st December – 17th March
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	22nd May – 16th June
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's	1st December – 24th March	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
State League Women's	3rd January – 17th March	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
Association Youth League	3rd January – 24th February	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
Skill Acquisition Program	3rd January – 3rd March	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
Girls Skill Acquisition Program	3rd January – 17th March	N/A
Mid-Season Window	22nd May – 30th June	
Note: Registrations for Round 1 must be received and allocated to the respective team 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant competition in order to be processed		

9. Registrations Outside Registration Periods

- a) FNSW may register a Player outside of the Registration Periods if:
- That player is a goalkeeper and FNSW has been satisfied that the Club has justifiable reason for the request and has provided appropriate evidence
 - The Club has promoted a player to a 1st Team A-League Professional contract. A club must seek approval from FNSW (such approval to be granted or withheld by FNSW in its sole and absolute discretion). A replacement player must not be currently registered within the FNSW NPL NSW Competition.
 - That player is/was a Hyundai A-League Player during the 2016/2017 season as defined in the Hyundai A-League Contract Regulations
 - Players will be granted special exemption from the above mentioned Registration Periods/Windows, under the following circumstances;
 - A player which has NOT been registered to a FNSW State League, PlayStation 4 National Premier

League, Skill Acquisition Program or Girl's Skill Acquisition Program Club during the 2017 Outdoor Season

- The player is registered and active in MyFootballClub before June 30, 2017
 - This will apply to the following competitions and age groups;
 - Skill Acquisition Program
 - Girls Skill Acquisition Program
 - Association Youth League
 - PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Youth
 - PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 Youth
 - PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Women's (U13, U15 and U17)
 - PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 Women's (U13, U15 and U17)
 - State League Women's (U13, U15 and U17)
- iv. FNSW is satisfied in its absolute discretion that exceptional circumstances exist, including if a player terminated his/hers Professional Player Contract for Just Cause

10. Player Registration in the Case of Amalgamation of Clubs

- a) Where an amalgamation/merger takes place between two Clubs, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
- i. Professional Player registrations will be carried over to the new Club
 - ii. Amateur Player registrations will automatically cease and the Club will be required to re-register Amateur Players within the applicable squad maximums
 - iii. Should an amalgamation occur post the registration period, Football NSW will decide on a solution, in its absolute discretion, to be in the best interests of the competition
 - iv. All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club
 - v. All Suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club

11. Player Registration in the Case of Teams Withdrawing from Competition

- a) When a Club is declared defunct by FNSW or is expelled from Membership of or Affiliation to FNSW, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
- i. As from the date of the Club being declared defunct or expelled, the Professional Players of any such Club will be deemed to be registered with FNSW
 - ii. FNSW will have the same rights in respect of the Transfer of registration of all such Professional Players as such Clubs had until the date of the Club being declared defunct or expelled LC
 - iii. FNSW will determine the compensation (Transfer Fee) applicable for the Transfer of such registration, to the Club which said Professional Player wishes to transfer. The fee will be set in accordance with the National Registration Regulations (NRR) and were relevant these Regulations
- b) The Transfer Fee in relation to such Transfers must be paid to FNSW and will, in order of priority, be distributed in the following manner;
- i. To pay any outstanding monies owed to FNSW by the defunct or expelled Club

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- ii. To pay any outstanding monies owed to the Players of the defunct or expelled Club
 - iii. To pay any monies outstanding to any Member Club or Affiliated Club

12. Player Deregistration

- a) An Amateur Player may deregister by applying to deregister via the MyFootballClub System, which will notify the Club and FNSW of the Player's intention to deregister
- b) If a Club no longer wants an Amateur Player to play for the Club, that Club must apply to deregister that Player via the MyFootballClub system, which will notify the Player and FNSW of the Club's intention to deregister the Player
- c) In the case of Amateur Players, the deregistration is effective from the earlier:
 - i. When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification or cancellation; or
 - ii. Seven (7) days from the date the Player requested the deregistration via the MyFootballClub system, unless a grievance has been initiated with FNSW in accordance with FNSW Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations and the Amateur Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations have been exhausted or terminated
- d) In the case of Professional Players, if the purported termination of a Professional Player contract is for just cause, the party wishing to terminate the contract must provide written notice to the other party specifying the reasons for the termination and copying FNSW (Termination Notice). If the Termination Notice is not disputed or if FNSW does not receive notification of a dispute in relation to the Termination Notice within seven (7) days of receipt of the Termination Notice, the Player's deregistration is effective from the expiration of those seven (7) days. If the other party initiates a grievance in respect of the purported termination with FFA in accordance with FFA's Grievance Resolution Regulations and FNSW is notified of same within seven (7) days of receipt of the Termination Notice, the Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations have been exhausted or terminated
- e) Any disputes relating to Player deregistration will be settled in accordance with the FFA Grievance Resolution Guidelines and FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- f) In the case of Professional Players, if the purported termination of a Professional Player contract is for sporting just cause, the Player must, within seven (7) days after the last Match in which the Club participates in a Season give written notice to the Club (copied to FNSW) setting out the particulars of the sporting just cause. The Player's deregistration is effective from;
 - i. if, within seven (7) days of receipt of the Player's notice, the Club notifies the Player in writing that the Club consents to the termination of the Professional Player contract for sporting just cause (copied to FNSW), the date that FNSW receives the Club's notification; or
 - ii. if the Club does not consent to the purported termination and the Player disputes the Club's decision, the Player must issue a notice in accordance with the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations and the Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations have been exhausted or terminated LC

13. Professional Player Disputes

- a) FNSW will recognise complaints made by Players against Clubs, or Clubs against Players, in regards to the terms and conditions as stipulated in a contract between them which has been lodged with FNSW

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- b) A Professional Player or a Club will have the right to lodge a complaint in writing with FNSW in which either seeks a tribunal hearing concerning any disputes about a Player's contract and any matter arising out of it
 - c) FNSW will only recognise complaints by Players against Clubs for monies in arrears for a period of not more than one (1) year from the date the complaint is lodged with FNSW
 - d) If before the Tribunal, it is proved that a Club has failed to honour its contract with the Player then the Tribunal will provide the Club with fourteen (14) days to fulfill its obligations towards the Player
 - e) If it is established by the Tribunal that monies are owed to a Player by the Club with whom he or she is registered such monies will be paid to FNSW within the fourteen (14) day period. FNSW will forward such payment to the Player(s) entitled to receive the monies
 - f) If the Club fails to effect full payment of monies due to the Player within the fourteen (14) day prescribed period, the following action will be taken by FNSW:
 - i. Withdraw all administrative services from the offending Club
 - ii. The offending Club will not be permitted to register any further Players
 - iii. The offending Club will be sanctioned in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

14. Loan Players

- a) A Professional Player loan to a FNSW Club may only occur within the registration period
- b) Loans are only permitted for Professional Players between Professional Clubs
- c) A loan is subject to the same rules that apply to the transfer of a Player with the following additional rules;
 - i. The minimum period of a loan is the time between two (2) Registration periods
 - ii. Once accepted, a loan will continue in force until the expiry date of the period of the loan (unless it is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the loan or these Regulations)
 - iii. A Club that has accepted a Professional Player on a loan basis is not entitled to transfer that Professional to a third Club without the written authorisation of the Club that released the Professional on loan and the Professional
 - iv. On termination of the loan, the registration reverts immediately to the Club from which the registration was transferred
- d) Clubs may only receive three (3) Players on loan; however, there are no restrictions on the timing or the number of Players that can be loaned out by a Club
- e) To complete a loan, all three (3) parties concerned (the present Club, the Player and the loan Club) agree to a Player loan in the form of Prescribed Form NRR 06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player. A loan agreement in the form of a loan contract; Prescribed Form NRR 05 – Professional Player Contract must also be completed
- f) The loan of an international Player must occur within the relevant registration period and will require an International Transfer Certificate or an International Futsal Transfer Certificate (ITC)
- g) The loan of an interstate Player must occur within the relevant registration period and will require documentation in accordance with these Regulations

15. International Transfer Certificate (ITC)

- a) This section applies to all Players whose last registration (current or otherwise) was either;
 - I. Held with an overseas Club, this is inclusive of players who are permanent residents or citizens of Australia.
 - II. A child aged between 10 and 18, who is a foreign national, who is seeking to register with an Australian club, and this registration will be their first registration anywhere in the world;
 - III. A child aged between 10 and 18, who is an Australian or a foreign national, who is seeking to register with an Australian club and their previous registration was with an overseas club.
- b) If a Player was previously registered with an International Club, FNSW & FFA need to request an ITC from the National Association of that International Club. In accordance with FIFA Statutes, FNSW & FFA is only able to request an ITC from another National Association during the Registration Periods for FFA, as specified in FIFA TMS
- c) FNSW cannot make a player active in MyFootballClub until the ITC is received. If FFA does not receive a response to:
 - i. An ITC request made via FIFA TMS, then within fifteen (15) days, the Player may immediately be registered on a provisional basis in accordance with FIFA Statutes
 - ii. An ITC request made otherwise, then within thirty (30) days of the ITC request being lodged by FFA, the Player may immediately be registered on a provisional basis in accordance with the FIFA Statutes
- d) All ITC and TMS requests must only be submitted once a player has finished their playing commitments overseas
- e) To be eligible to participate in Competition matches all requests must be lodged as per the ITC/TMS procedures relevant for your Football NSW Competition prior to the registration windows closing as set out in section 4 art. 8
- f) The Players must also be registered in MyFootballClub with their status at "Pending ITC" and allocated into their correct team by the deadline set out in section 4 art. 8.
- g) It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that the relevant documentation required to obtain an ITC for a minor has been correctly submitted and until such time as an ITC has been received the player must not participate in any match. Email itc@footballnsw.com.au for further information

16. Visa Players

- a) If a Player was previously registered with another National Association, the provisions of the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players must be complied with, including the receipt by FFA of a valid ITC from that National Association
- b) If a Club wants to register a Visa Player as a Professional, that Club must ensure it meets all the legal requirements pertaining to the obtaining and maintaining of a valid visa or work permit for that Visa Player, including where applicable, a letter of endorsement from FFA, the payment of any minimum salary and any sponsorship requirements
- c) These Regulations apply equally to Visa Players, including the submission of prescribed forms, registrations periods, Professional Player contracts and ITC's
- d) The maximum number of Visa Players for the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's Competitions are as defined in the Player Points System

17. Priority of Registration

- a) In the event of a Player signing registration forms for more than one Club, priority of registration will be accorded to the Club who earliest in time, all things being equal, obtained the Player's signature to a valid registration form
- b) If a Player has self-registered through the MyFootballClub system, the registration which earliest in time is recorded in that system will be granted priority
- c) Any Player found to have willfully registered or signed registration forms for more than one (1) Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a Player to register or sign a registration form with that Club in the knowledge that the Player has previously registered or signed a registration form with another Club, will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and will be liable to sanction by FNSW

18. Maximum Player Rosters

- a) Following are the maximum permissible Players for each League and grade. Contained in the table are the maximum permissible Professional Players allowed in each Team. All other Players must be registered as Amateur Players, failure to comply will result in a fine of \$500 per breach with FNSW reserving the right to add further sanctions per breach:

League	Grade	Squad Total	Max Pro Players
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	20 of 40
	U18	16	0
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	20 of 40
	U18	16	0
PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	20 of 40
	U18	16	0
Football NSW State League Men's	1st grade & U20 combined	40	0
	U18	16	0
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth	U16, U15, U14, U13 individually	16	0
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth	U16, U15, U14, U13 individually	16	0
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's	1st grade & reserve grade combined	40	20 of 40
	U17, U15, U13 individually	16	0
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's	1st grade & reserve grade combined	40	0
	U17, U15, U13 individually	16	0
Football NSW State League Women's	1st grade & reserve grade combined	40	0
	U17, U15, U13 individually	16	0
Football NSW Association Youth League	U16, U15, U14, U13 individually	16	0
Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program	Refer to Schedule 3		
Football NSW Girls Skill Acquisition Program	Refer to Schedule 4		

19. Maximum Loan Players

- a) A Club who in accordance with these Regulations is permitted to register Professional Players may register a maximum of three (3) Players on a loan basis during the Season

20. Technical Director and Coach Registration

- a) Technical Directors
 - i. Appointment of a Technical Director in the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth, PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's and the Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program is mandatory
 - ii. All Technical directors are to be registered through the MyFootballClub system
 - iii. If the Technical Director is employed by the Club on a full time contract, the Club is open to expand his / her role beyond the scope of the Technical Director (i.e. in administration, coaching additional teams, coaching in SAP etc), so long as his / her ability to perform the Technical Director role is not compromised
 - iv. If the Technical Director is employed on a part time basis, they are able to be registered to perform one of the following roles in addition to their role as the Club Technical Director;
 - a. Be registered to Coach one of the U13-U16 teams at the Club; or
 - b. Be Registered to the Technical Director role for the Club's SAP; or
 - c. Be registered Coach one of the Club's SAP teams; or
 - d. Be registered as Head coach of any single grade + assistant coach of any single grade.
- b) Head Coaches
 - i. Appointment of individual head coaches to all grades of all Leagues is mandatory and all coaches are to be registered through the MyFootballClub system
 - ii. Head coaches of any grade will be permitted to be registered to additionally coach in the following capacities within a Club:
 - a. Head coach of any single grade + coach of any single grade in SAP; or
 - b. Head coach of any single grade + Technical Director in SAP
- c) Assistant Coaches and Goalkeeper Coaches
 - i. Appointment of assistant coaches and goal keeper coaches to all Leagues is optional. Should either be appointed they must meet the relevant minimum standard and be registered on MyFootballClub
- d) All Coaches must be registered through MyFootballClub by close of business Wednesday 15 February 2017. Failure to comply with this or other minimum coaching accreditation will result in suspension of all teams from any sanctioned matches and competition fixtures until compliance is achieved

21. Minimum Coaching Qualifications

- a) Following are the minimum coaching qualifications required by Coaches for each respective League and grade of the Competitions:
- b) Coaches must be qualified or enrolled in the appropriate course in order to obtain the Coaching ID card.
- c) Failure to comply with any part of Section 4 Article 21 will result in a fine to the Club of \$500 per breach

d) PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
Technical Director	A Licence	A Licence	TBA
1st Grade			
Head Coach	A Licence	A Licence	TBA
Assistant Coach	B Licence	B Licence	TBA
GK Coach	FFA GK Level 1	FFA GK Level 1	TBA
U20 & U18 Grades Individually			
Head Coach	B Licence	B Licence	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA

e) PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
Technical Director	A Licence	A Licence	TBA
U16, U15 & U14 Grades Individually			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U13 Individually			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA

f) PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
Technical Director	B Licence	B Licence	TBA
U16, U15 & U14 Grades Individually			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U13 Individually			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA

g) PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's & Football NSW State League Men's

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
1st Grade			
Head Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	FFA GK Level 1	TBA
U20 & U18 Grades Individually			
Head Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA

h) PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
Technical Director	B Licence	B Licence	TBA
1st Grade			
Head Coach	B Licence	B Licence	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior FFA	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	GK Level 1	TBA
Reserve Grade and U17 Individually			
Head Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U15			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U13			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA

i) Football NSW State League Women's

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
Technical Director	B Licence	B Licence	TBA
1st Grade			
Head Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
Reserve Grade and U17 Individually			
Head Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Senior	C Licence - Senior	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U15			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U13			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA

j) Football NSW Association Youth League

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
U16			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Game Training-Cert.	Game Training-Cert.	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U15			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Game Training-Cert.	Game Training-Cert.	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U14			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Game Training-Cert.	Game Training-Cert.	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA
U13			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Skill Training Cert.	Training-Cert.	TBA
GK Coach	Community GK Course	Community GK Course	TBA

k) Football NSW Skill Acquisition Program (SAP) and Football NSW Girls Skill Acquisition Program

Coach Category	2017	2018	2019
Technical Director	B Licence	B Licence	TBA
U12 Coaches			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Skill Training	Skill Training	TBA
GK Coach	Cert	Cert	TBA
U11 Coaches			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Skill Training	Skill Training	TBA
GK Coach	Cert	Cert	TBA
U10 Coaches			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Skill Training	Skill Training	TBA
GK Coach	Cert	Cert	TBA
U9 Coaches			
Head Coach	C Licence - Youth	C Licence - Youth	TBA
Assistant Coach	Skill Training	Skill Training	TBA
GK Coach	Cert	Cert	TBA

22. Medical Coverage

- Clubs will be required to provide medical coverage to Players on match days in compliance with the minimum standards contained in the following table
- Clubs will not be required to appoint separate individuals to each grade within a League. The requirement is to ensure adequate medical coverage is provided, which by way of example, could be provided by a "team" of sports trainers shared across all grades at a Club
- All sports trainers and physiotherapists must be registered with FNSW through the MyFootballClub system
- Failure to comply with this article will result in a fine of \$50 per breach
- Minimum standards for the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's are:

League	2017	2018	2019
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's			
1st Grade	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist
U20, U18	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's			
1st Grade	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist
U20, U18	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's			
1st Grade, U20, U18	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
Football State League Men's			
1st Grade, U20, U18	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer

f) PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth

League	2017	2018	2019
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth			
U16, U15, U14, U13	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth			
U16, U15, U14, U13	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer

g) PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's and State League Women's

League	2017	2018	2019
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's and PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's			
1st Grade	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist
Reserve Grade	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
U17, U15, & U13	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer
Football NSW State League Women's			
1st Grade & Reserve Grade	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer	Level 2 Sports Trainer
U17, U15 & U13	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer	Level 1 Sports Trainer

23. Player Gate Entry Passes

- Players registered to 1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U20 and U18 competitions at which Clubs are permitted to charge a fee for entry to the Stadium will be issued a Player's gate entry pass
- A Player's gate entry pass affords the Player complimentary entry to the Match in which their Team is competing

24. Coach and Team Official Identity Passes

- All registered Coaches and Team Officials will be issued Identity Passes

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- b) Identity Passes afford the Coach or Team Official complimentary entry to any Match in which their Club is competing
 - c) Only registered Coaches and Team Officials in receipt of their official FNSW Identity Pass will be permitted to participate in any approved FNSW Match
 - d) Coaches and Team Officials that do not have a FNSW Identity Pass with them at any Match will not be permitted onto the field of play nor permitted to sit in the technical area / team bench
 - e) Only the Official FNSW Identity Pass embossed with the correct year of Competition will be eligible for use in that Season
 - f) From the time of entry to the venue, Coaches and Team Officials are required to have their Identity Pass clearly displayed on a lanyard on the outside of their clothing
 - g) Prior to kick-off the 4th Official, or should a 4th Official not be appointed the Referee, is required to check the benches of both Teams and request any non-playing individual without an Identity Pass to leave the bench. Should the individual refuse the Match will immediately be forfeited to the Team that has not breached the Regulation. Any individual that causes a forfeiture in this regard may be further sanctioned as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
 - h) Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in a fine to the Club of \$250

25. Approval to Play in Other Competitions

- a) Clubs will not play, or be involved in, or give approval for any Player and/or official to participate in any other competitions unless they have first received the approval of the Executive
- b) Registered Players, Amateurs or Professionals, will not play or be involved in any other competitions unless that competition has first received the approval of FNSW. Any Club or Player found to be playing in an unauthorised competition will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and may be sanctioned as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- c) In applying the principle of no dual registration as defined by FIFA and elaborated by FFA, Players competing in competitions not recognised or approved by FNSW may be deemed "registered" and as such not be eligible for registration to Teams participating in FNSW Competitions.

Section 5: Ticketing, Distribution, Prize Money and Awards

1. Ticketed Leagues

- a) Tickets may only be sold for attendance at the following Leagues and grades:
 - i. 1st Grade and U20 of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's
 - ii. 1st Grade and U20 of the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's
 - iii. 1st Grade and U20 of the PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's
 - iv. 1st Grade and Reserve Grade of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's
 - v. 1st Grade and Reserve Grade of the PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's
 - vi. Waratah Cup
 - vii. Westfield FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds
- b) Breach of this regulation will result in a fine of \$500

2. Ticket Operations

- a) Sale of tickets in the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's & PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's cannot commence until 15 minutes after the kick-off of the Match prior to the U20 / reserve grade Match
- b) As Waratah Cup Matches are 1st grade only, sale of tickets can commence from two (2) hours before the scheduled kick-off time

3. Ticket Prices

- a) Following are the maximum ticket prices that Clubs may charge for entry to Matches;

League	Grade	Adult	Student/ Concession
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's	1st Grade and U20	\$15	\$10
PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's	1st Grade and U20	\$10	\$5
PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's	1st Grade and U20	\$5	\$3
Waratah Cup	1st Grade	\$10	\$5
Westfield FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds	Round 3	\$5	\$3
	Round 4-7	\$10	\$5
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's	1st Grade and Res	\$10	\$5
PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's 2	1st Grade and Res	\$5	\$3

- b) Attendance for all children under the age of 16 will be free.

4. Prize Money

- a) Prize money for 1st Grade Premiers and Champions is applicable to the following Leagues;
 - i. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's
 - ii. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's
 - iii. PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's

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- iv. Football NSW State League Men's
 - v. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's
 - vi. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's
 - vii. Football NSW State League Women
- b) Notification of applicable Prize money will be communicated to Clubs in each respective League by FNSW

5. Gate Monies in Connection with the Replay of Postponed or Abandoned or Incomplete Fixtures

- a) If the gate money was not taken on the date originally fixed for the Match, or if gate money was taken and the Match was not commenced and the gate money was returned to the spectators or pass-out checks given for a subsequent Match, the visiting Club will play the rescheduled Match without charge to the Home Club
- b) If gate money was taken at the first Match and retained, then out of the gate money taken at such second Match, the Home Club will pay the travelling and other expenses of the visiting Club

6. Distribution - Championship Matches Other than the Grand Final

- a) The net proceeds of the Championship Matches other than the Grand Final, should the Matches be conducted individually, will be divided by the competing 1st grade Clubs and FNSW in the following proportions;
- i. 33.4% to FNSW
 - ii. 33.3% to each competing Club in the 1st grade Match
- b) The net proceeds of the Championship Matches other than the Grand Final, should any number of the Matches be conducted at the same venue on the same day, will be divided by the competing 1st Grade Clubs and FNSW in the following proportions;
- i. 20% to FNSW
 - ii. Remainder split evenly between each of the competing 1st grade Clubs

7. Distribution - Championship Grand Final

- a) The net proceeds from the Grand Finals will be divided by the competing Clubs in 1st grade and FNSW in the following proportions:
- i. 33.3% to FNSW
 - ii. 60% of the balance to the winning Team
 - iii. 40% of the balance to the losing Team

8. Applicable Leagues for Championship Gate Distribution

- a) Gate distribution will only be applicable to Championship matches of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's, should FNSW charge entry to those matches

9. Distribution - Cup Ties

- a) Pre-Season Cup:
 - i. In cup ties organised by FNSW, the net gate for all Matches up to but not including the Grand Final, will be retained by the host Club
- b) Other Cup Matches;
 - i. In cup ties organised by FNSW, the net gate for all Matches up to but not including the Grand Final will be retained by the host Club

10. Distribution – Cup Finals

- a) Pre-Season Cup;
- b) The net proceeds from the Grand Final will be divided by the competing Clubs in 1st Grade and FNSW in the following proportions:
 - i. 33.3 % to FNSW;
 - ii. 60% of the balance to the winning Team; and
 - iii. 40% of the balance to the losing Team.
- c) Other Cup Matches;
 - i. All net proceeds from the Grand Final will be retained by FNSW. Prize money dependent on qualification through the Waratah Cup will be communicated by FNSW to the Teams prior to the competition commencing

11. Trophies, Medals and Shields

FNSW will present the following medals, trophies and shields:

- a) Premiership and Championship Winners:
 - i. Perpetual trophy for 1st Grade, Reserves, & U20s grades
 - ii. Replica trophy for all grades
 - iii. 25 medals for all Men's and Women's 1st Grade, Reserve Grade and U20 Teams
 - iv. 20 medals for all other applicable male and female age grades
- b) Championship Runners-up:
 - i. 25 medals for all Men's and Women's 1st Grade, Reserve Grade and U20 Teams
 - ii. 20 Medals for all other applicable male and female age grades
- c) Club Championship Winners: Perpetual shield for the following Leagues:
 - i. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's
 - ii. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's
 - iii. PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's
 - iv. Football NSW State League Men's
 - v. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's
 - vi. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's
 - vii. Football NSW State League Women's

d) Fair Play Award:

Perpetual Shield for the following Leagues:

- i. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's
- ii. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's
- iii. PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's
- iv. Football NSW State League Men's
- v. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's
- vi. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's
- vii. Football NSW State League Women's

e) Player of the Year:

Trophy for the following Leagues:

- i. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- ii. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- iii. PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- iv. Football NSW State League Men's (1st Grade and U20)
- v. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's (1st Grade and Reserve Grade)
- vi. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's
- vii. Football NSW State League Women (1st Grade and Reserve Grade)

f) Golden Boot, Goal Keeper of the Year and Coach of the Year:

Trophies to 1st Grade in each of the following Leagues:

- i. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's
- ii. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's
- iii. PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's
- iv. Football NSW State League Women's
- v. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's
- vi. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's
- vii. Football NSW State League Women's

g) Club Awards:

- i. FNSW may from time to time recognise Club Officials from any League with awards in any form approved by the Executive

h) Referee of the Year:

FNSW will award a Referee of the year for each of the following Leagues;

- i. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's
- ii. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's
- iii. Football NSW State Leagues

i) Additional Awards:

- i. FNSW may from time to time recognise individuals for their accomplishment or service to football in a manner approved by the Executive

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- j) Cup Competitions:
 - i. Medals and Trophies will be determined dependent on FNSW conducting the relevant cup Competitions
 - ii. Should FNSW conduct the Waratah Cup the Perpetual Trophy, a replica Trophy, and an appropriate number of Medals will be presented to the Champion Team

12. Perpetual Trophy Ownership

- a) All perpetual trophies / shields remain the property of FNSW
- b) FNSW will retain possession of the perpetual trophy / shield immediately following the prize giving ceremony
- c) Should a perpetual trophy / shield be lost or damaged whilst under the care or custody of a Club, the latter shall refund to FNSW the cost of thorough repair or replacement in addition to any other penalty which FNSW may impose.

Section 6: Team Sheets, Reporting and Match Officials

1. Match Official Appointments

- a) The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by FNSW, who may utilise such other persons as deemed necessary to assist in the carrying out of this responsibility

2. Match Official Powers, Duties and Obligations

- a) The Match Officials are charged with all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the FIFA laws of the game
- b) Unless otherwise stated, the Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast
- c) If the Referee finds it necessary to stop play for whatever reason, he / she should wait a reasonable time before deciding to abandon the Match
- d) Referees may abandon, postpone or forfeit a Match in accordance with any relevant articles of these Regulations
- e) In addition, Referees are required to, immediately after the conclusion of each Match, forward to FNSW send-off reports and incident reports if the latter is deemed necessary
- f) Referee Assessors will submit to FNSW a report on the performance of the Referee within two (2) days of the conclusion of the match, should one be appointed to the match

3. Welfare of the Match Officials

- a) The Home Club will be solely responsible for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the Stadium, until the time they depart the Stadium. Failure to carry out this requirement may result in a sanction as per to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

4. Match Officials Fees

- a) FNSW, prior to the commencement of a Competition, will communicate to all Clubs and relevant Referees bodies the approved Match Officials fees for that particular Season. These fees will come into effect immediately
- b) At cup Fixtures payment of the Match Officials Fees will be divided equally between the Clubs participating in the Match unless otherwise communicated prior to the commencement of the competition by FNSW
- c) Match Officials Fees for Premiership Matches of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's U20 and 1st Grade will be paid directly to the Match Officials by FNSW
- d) Match Officials Fees for all other Premiership Matches in all other Leagues will be paid directly to the Match Officials on the day of the Match by the Home Team (Team appearing first on the Match Schedule), unless otherwise communicated to Clubs prior to the Season commencing
- e) Match Officials fees for all Championship Matches in all Leagues will be paid directly by FNSW to the Referees
- f) In the case of forfeits and abandonments, Match Officials fees will still be due and payable by the Team that caused the forfeit or abandonment, except that where Matches are abandoned or postponed by the Referee through no fault of either Team

- g) For Match Officials Fees for Matches abandoned once commenced due to the fault of neither Team, an invoice claim to FNSW will be required to be submitted by the Match Officials. The Home Club will not be responsible for these Match Officials fees
- h) Compensation to Match Officials will be paid for attendance at Matches which are not conducted on the following grounds:
- Match Officials that attend the Stadium and a Match is abandoned or postponed prior to kick-off due to unplayable conditions, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the table below
 - Match Officials that attend the stadium to find the Match cancelled without being notified by FNSW, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the table below
 - Match Officials that attend a Match on the wrong day, incorrect Stadium and/or kick-off time due to a FNSW clerical error, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the table below
 - Match Officials that attend the Stadium to find one Club has forfeited, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the Table below. FNSW will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs
 - Match Officials attend the Stadium to find a Club has called off the Match without notifying the Match Officials or FNSW, compensation will be paid by FNSW in accordance with the Table below. FNSW will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs
 - The following table sets out the level of compensation for Match Officials:

Age Grade	Level of Compensation per Match Official
1st Grade, Reserve Grade, U20	\$50
U18 to U13	\$25

5. Match Official Travel Allowance

- a) Match Officials (excluding Match Commissioners) appointed to Competition Fixtures that require travel outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area will be entitled to a travel allowance, paid by FNSW as follows:
- Sydney Match officials will be entitled to a travel allowance when travelling to the Central Coast (\$30), Wollongong (\$30) Nowra (\$60) and Bathurst / Mudgee (\$60)
 - Match officials who reside at the Central Coast and Wollongong and travel to Sydney will receive (\$30). Match Officials residing distances further then these regions will receive (\$60)

6. Non-payment of Match Officials Fees

- a) Clubs who fail to pay the Match Officials where cash payment is required on the day will be fined \$100

7. Attendance of Match Officials

- a) Match officials appointed to Matches must be at the Stadium by half time of the preceding Match. Where there is only one Match, or the Match is the first of the day, the Match Officials will be in attendance at least 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time

8. Non-attendance of Match Officials

- a) Should appointed Match Officials not be in attendance by the scheduled time, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to provide Match Officials. The appointee must control the whole Match, except that a

suitably qualified and identified Match Official, in uniform, from either side will take precedence over an unqualified person from the Home Club.

- b) The article above applies only to the following leagues;
 - i. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth – U16 to U13
 - ii. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Youth – U16 to U13
 - iii. Football NSW State League Men's – 1st Grade, U20 & U18
 - iv. PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's – U17 to U13
 - v. PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Women's – U17 to U13
 - vi. Football NSW State League Men's – 1st Grade to U13
 - vii. Football NSW Association Youth League – U16 to U13
- c) Matches in all other grades (except SAP) cannot commence unless a qualified Match Official, appointed by FNSW, is officiating
- d) If a Referee fails to honour his / her appointment the 4th Official, or in the absence of a 4th Official the most senior Assistant Referee, shall take his / her place. In this case the home and visiting Teams are required to supply a replacement "Assistant Referee" for alternate halves
- e) Unless otherwise stated, Clubs are required to fulfill all Fixtures regardless of the attendance of Match Officials or not. Failure to fulfill any Fixture may result in sanction as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

9. Team Sheets

- a) All team sheets for all matches are to be completed online via Fox Sports Pulse
- b) The Away Team must make their player selection in Fox Sports Pulse by 2:00pm on the Friday prior to the scheduled weekend Fixture, or 2:00pm the day prior to a midweek Fixture. Failure to comply will result in a \$25 fine
- c) Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in Fox Sports Pulse. This information appears automatically next to the Players name on the team sheet.
- d) The Home Club will be responsible for printing and providing team sheets, from Fox Sports Pulse, on Match day
- e) Failure of the Home Club to provide printed team sheets on Match day will result in a fine of \$50 per team sheet
- f) Any changes to the Player selections post the Friday deadline must be manually noted on the printed copy of the team sheet
- g) The printed team sheet must be handed to the Referee at least 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time
- h) Changes to the team sheet will be permitted any time until ten (10) minutes prior to kick-off, at which point the following will apply:
 - i. Should a listed starting Player be removed from the starting line-up, that Player may only be replaced by a Player listed as a substitute on the team sheet. The former starting Player may then be listed as a replacement. However, no other player may be added to the team sheet to replace the former substitute Player.

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- ii. Should a listed substitute Player be removed from the team sheet, the team will not be permitted to name another Player in his/her place, and the number of available substitutes will be decreased by one (1)
 - i) The numbers on the back of the Player's jerseys will correspond to the numbers on the team sheet handed to the Referee before the commencement of a Match. There must be no change of numbers from ten (10) minutes prior to or during a Match (this includes goalkeepers)
 - j) A maximum of sixteen (16) Players only may be listed on the team sheet
 - k) All grades team sheets, signed by the respective Team Officials, must be emailed by the Home Club to email address: matchreports@footballnsw.com.au and Away Club Contact to arrive no later than 5:00pm Tuesday following the weekend's Match, or 48 hours following a mid-week Match. If FNSW does not receive the Team Sheets as specified above, the Home Team will be fined for failing to submit their team sheets on time (\$10 per team sheet)
 - l) When a Match is forfeited, the team sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the Referee
 - m) A Team Official from both the home and away Club is to sign the team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information is correct, including the Players listed, Match Officials listed, stood down Player's listed, half time and full time scores are correct
 - n) Each Team must nominate three (3) jacketed officials whose names are to be written on the team sheet
 - o) Clubs must indicate all up-graded and over-age Players on the team sheet by marking the registered grade against all up-graded and over-age Players
 - p) Unless otherwise stated in the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, or in these Regulations, a Player listed on the team sheet will be deemed to have participated in the Match
 - q) A Club who fails to list a player as stood down on the team sheet will be fined \$100, if that player does not appear on the team sheet that player will be deemed as stood down providing the player meets the registration requirements.
 - r) The Home Club Team appears first on the team sheet (left side)
 - s) If a player who is registered in accordance with these regulations is not listed on the team sheet prior to the match and then participates in the match, the following shall apply:
 - The Club will be fined \$250 for the first breach
 - The Team will forfeit the match for the second breach and also be fined \$500;
 - Any further breaches in this article will require the Club to show cause as to why the Team should not be expelled from the Competition, and the Team involved shall, forfeit the match in question and be fined \$500
 - t) Clerical errors by either Team on the team sheet will result in a fine of \$50 per error. Clerical errors include, but are not limited to, failing to endorse over-age and up-graded players, duplicate shirt numbers, incorrect shirt numbers and failing to sign a team sheet

10. Result of Match

- a) Once FNSW declares the result of a Match or Competition after the conclusion of that Match or Competition then that result will stand. Managers are to sign the team sheet at the end of the Match signifying that all details are correct. There will be no appeal against the score line shown on a team sheet once it is received by FNSW

11. Match Result Reporting

- a) For all premierships and Championship matches the home team is responsible for entering the half time and full time results of the match/s online into Fox Sports Pulse no later than 45 minutes following the conclusion of the Match.
- b) Each Club is responsible for entering their player match statistics into Fox Sports Pulse including the following:
 - i. Goal Scorers
 - ii. Cautions (Yellow Cards)
 - iii. Expulsions (Red Cards)
- c) Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in a fine of \$100 per breach

12. Caution and Result Reporting

- a) Expulsion and Caution reporting is as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

13. Caution and Expulsion Fines

- a) Clubs will receive the following automatic fines for cautions and expulsions received by their players in the Competitions for 1st grade, reserve grade and U20s;
 - i. Player's first caution of the Season - \$10 per Player
 - ii. Player's subsequent caution of the Season - \$30 per Player
 - iii. When five (5) or more Players from the same Team are cautioned in the same match - \$100 in addition to the individual caution fines
 - iv. Player expelled from the field of play - \$60 per Player
 - v. When three (3) or more Players from the same team are expelled in the same Match - \$150 in addition to the individual expulsion fines
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, these fines are payable in addition to any sanctions imposed against Clubs or their Players pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

Schedule 1: Additional Rules Football NSW Institute

1. Scope and Interpretation

- a) Schedule 1 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to FNSWI Institute (FNSWI) teams participating in the Competitions
- b) Schedule 1 is specific to the FNSWI only

2. Admission

- a) The Executive may from time to time permit the registration of FNSWI players for the purpose of participating in any Competition
- b) The Board may from time to time admit FNSWI Teams to participate in any Competition
- c) FNSWIS Teams will be subject to the admission and application criteria as per the Regulations, except where granted an exception by the Executive

3. Fees, Charges and Fines

- a) FNSWI Players, Coaches and officials will be liable for the same fees, charges and fines applicable to the Competitions in which they compete / participate

4. Championship Matches

- a) NSWIS teams entered into FNSW Competitions will be eligible to compete in Championship Matches

5. Club Championship

- a) Results from Matches in which FNSWI Teams compete will not count towards the Club Championship for any League. This includes all points and goals scored or conceded in matches participated in by FNSWI teams
- b) FNSWI Teams will not be eligible to obtain any points toward, or be eligible to win, the Club Championship for any League

6. Prize Money

- a) Should a FNSWI Team participate in a League that awards prize money, the FNSWI team will not be eligible to be awarded that prize money.
- b) Should this scenario be possible, FNSW will determine an alternate mechanism to distribute the prize money. This mechanism will be circulated in the annual correspondence communicated the scale of prize money for each Competition

Schedule 2: Additional Rules – Association Youth League

1. Scope and Application

- a) Schedule 2 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Association Youth League Competition
- b) Schedule 2 is specific to the Association Youth League Competition only

2. Teams

- a) The number of teams and composition of teams will be as per the declaration of leagues and structure document issued by Football NSW

3. Eligible players and Registration

- a) In order to be eligible, Players must meet the age restrictions and not already be registered to a Club
- b) Association Youth League
 - i. Teams in the Association Youth League will be permitted to register players that reside within the registered State Titles boundaries in which their Association falls (i.e Macarthur Association falls within Metropolitan South).
- c) Additionally, a player who fits within the following categories is eligible to participate in a Association Youth League program conducted by a particular licensee in 2017 even if that player lives outside the applicable geographic area:
 - i. If a player was registered with an Association team in the Association Youth League Competition in 2016
 - ii. If a player was registered with a club within the Association in 2016
- d) FNSW may provide exemptions for players to participate out of area should they believe there is genuine merit in the application. The exemptions will remain valid for the duration of the player's participation in the Association Youth League Competition unless their circumstances supporting the exemption change or they seek to change Clubs
- e) The State Titles Boundaries are:

State Titles Region	Comprised of
Met North	Gladesville Hornsby FA, Manly Warringah FA
Met South	Bankstown District AFA, Macarthur FA, Southern Districts SFA
Met West	Blacktown District SFA, Granville & District SFA, Nepean District SFA
Met East	Canterbury District SFA, Eastern Suburbs FA, St George FA
Met Far North	Central Coast Football, Northern Suburbs FA
Met Far South	Football South Coast, Sutherland Shire FA
Riverina	Griffith & District AFA, South West Slopes FA, Football Albury Wodonga, Wagga Wagga & District FA
Southern	Eurobodalla FA, Far South Coast FA, Highlands FA, Shoalhaven District FA, Southern Tablelands FA
Western	Dubbo & District FA, Lachlan AFA, Orange & District FA, Western Plains FA, Lithgow FA, Bathurst FA

4. League Tables and Points – Premiership

- a) League tables and points for Association Youth League will be determined in accordance with Section 2 Technical Regulations, article 10. Premiership Ranking and article 14. Competition Points

Schedule 3: Additional Rules – Skill Acquisition Program

1. Scope and Application

- a) Schedule 3 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Skill Acquisition Program (SAP) participating in Competitions
- b) Schedule 3 is specific to SAP only

2. Registration and Eligibility

- a) All players in the 2017 SAP must be registered on MyFootballClub
- b) 2017 SAP licensees will only be permitted to register players from the FNSW State Titles Boundaries in which the Licensee's home ground is located
 - i. Clubs may be required to provide evidence of a player's residential address to the satisfaction of Football NSW
- c) Additionally, a child who fits within the following categories is eligible to participate in a SAP program conducted by a particular licensee in 2017 even if that child lives outside the applicable geographic area:
 - i. A child of a person who is a Life Member of the licensee or had been for at least 10 years a combination of any of the following: a registered player at the licensee or a director of the licensee or a member of the Management Committee (or similar committee in the event of there not being a Management Committee) of the licensee
- d) FNSW may provide exemptions for players to participate out of area should they believe there is genuine merit in the application. The exemptions will remain valid for the duration of the player's participation in SAP unless their circumstances supporting the exemption change or they seek to change Clubs
- e) The State titles boundaries are:

State Titles Region	Comprised of
Met North	Gladesville Hornsby FA, Manly Warringah FA
Met South	Bankstown District AFA, Macarthur FA, Southern Districts SFA
Met West	Blacktown District SFA, Granville & District SFA, Nepean District SFA
Met East	Canterbury District SFA, Eastern Suburbs FA, St George FA
Met Far North	Central Coast Football, Northern Suburbs FA
Met Far South	Football South Coast, Sutherland Shire FA
Riverina	Griffith & District AFA, South West Slopes FA, Football Albury Wodonga, Wagga Wagga & District FA
Southern	Eurobodalla FA, Far South Coast FA, Highlands FA, Shoalhaven District FA, Southern Tablelands FA
Western	Dubbo & District FA, Lachlan AFA, Orange & District FA, Western Plains FA, Lithgow FA, Bathurst FA

- f) Breaches of the eligibility criteria will result in a fine to the licensee of \$2,000 per breach

3. Players Per Team

- a) Permissible players per team are identified in the following table:

Age Group	Field Players	Substitutes	Licensee Squad Totals
U9	7	3	20 (16 boys + 4 girls)
U10	9	3	24 (20 boys + 4 girls)
U11	9	3	24 (20 boys + 4 girls)
U12	9	3	24 (20 boys + 4 girls)

- b) Licensees may elect to select more than 2 girls per team. This will result in a proportionate decrease in the number of boys selected to comply with the maximum team player number
- c) For clarity, licensees can only register the maximum number of boys identified in the table above; they cannot replace girls' registrations with boys' registrations
- d) Breaches of the permissible players per team criteria will result in a fine to the licensee of \$2,000 per breach

4. Match Format

- a) SAP match formats will reflect the MiniRoos guidelines. These formations provide a logical progression to the 1-4-3-3 National Curriculum preferred formation which will be implemented in the U13 – U16 and U13 – U15 age groups of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Youth and PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Women's competitions respectively

Age Group	Players per Team	Formation
U9	7 v 7	1-3-3
U10, U11, U12	9 v 9	1-3-2-3

- b) Matches will be scheduled over four (4) time slots, as follows:

Match Slot	Half Field A	Half Field B
1	U9 match 1	U10 match 1
2	U9 match 2	U10 match 2
3	U11 match 1	U12 match 1
4	U11 match 2	U12 match 2

5. League Tables and Points

- a) Consistent with the MiniRoos guidelines, league tables will not be kept during the game phase of the 2016 SAP
- b) Similarly, points will not be attributed to the result of any match in the SAP game phase

6. Matches

- a) There will be no Championship Matches at the conclusion of the SAP 2017 game phase
- b) FNSW will coordinate gala weekends for all age grades of the SAP. The gala weekends will be delivered in accordance with the principles of MiniRoos football

7. Match Officials

- a) The 2016 SAP will implement the Game Leader model as identified in the MiniRoos guidelines
- b) It is each licensee's responsibility to appoint Game Leaders to their home SAP matches
- c) For clarity, a Game Leader can be either:
 - i. club official;
 - ii. capable parent;
 - iii. older child or player; or
 - iv. beginner referee.

Schedule 4: Additional Rules – Girls Skill Acquisition Program

1. Scope and Application

- a) Schedule 4 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Girls Skill Acquisition Program (Girls SAP) participating in Competitions
- b) Schedule 4 is specific to Girls SAP only

2. Registration and Eligibility

- a) All players in the 2017 SAP must be registered on MyFootballClub
- b) All players will be required to register with a local community football Club in the region which the Girls SAP Club is located in and register with a Girls SAP Club/Association.
- c) 2017 Girls SAP licensees will only be permitted to register players from the FNSW State Titles Boundaries in which the Licensee's home ground is located
 - i. Clubs may be requested to provide documentation in support of the player's residential address. This documentation can be in any form from time to time as defined by Football NSW
- d) Additionally, a child who fits within the following categories is eligible to participate in a Girls SAP conducted by a particular licensee in 2017 even if that child lives outside the applicable geographic area:
 - i. A child who was a registered player in the Clubs Girls Supplementary SAP for season 2016; and
 - ii. A child of a person who is a Life Member of the licensee or had been for at least 10 years a combination of any of the following: a registered player at the licensee or a director of the licensee or a member of the Management Committee (or similar committee in the event of there not being a Management Committee) of the licensee
- e) FNSW may provide exemptions for players to participate out of area should they believe there is genuine merit in the application. The exemptions will remain valid for the duration of the player's participation in SAP unless their circumstances supporting the exemption change or they seek to change Clubs
- f) The State titles boundaries are:

State Titles Region	Comprised of
Met North	Gladesville Hornsby FA, Manly Warringah FA
Met South	Bankstown District AFA, Macarthur FA, Southern Districts SFA
Met West	Blacktown District SFA, Granville & District SFA, Nepean District SFA
Met East	Canterbury District SFA, Eastern Suburbs FA, St George FA
Met Far North	Central Coast Football, Northern Suburbs FA
Met Far South	Football South Coast, Sutherland Shire FA
Riverina	Griffith & District AFA, South West Slopes FA, Football Albury Wodonga, Wagga Wagga & District FA
Southern	Eurobodalla FA, Far South Coast FA, Highlands FA, Shoalhaven District FA, Southern Tablelands FA
Western	Dubbo & District FA, Lachlan AFA, Orange & District FA, Western Plains FA, Lithgow FA, Bathurst FA

- g) Breaches of the eligibility criteria will result in a fine to the licensee of \$2,000 per breach

3. Players Per Team

- a) Permissible players per team are identified in the following table:

Age Group	Field Players	Substitutes	Team Total	Licensee Squad Totals
U10	9	5	14	14
U12	9	5	14	14

4. Match Format

- a) SAP match formats will reflect the MiniRoos guidelines. These formations provide a logical progression to the 1-4-3-3 National Curriculum preferred formation which will be implemented in the U13 – U16 and U13 – U15 age groups of the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's competitions respectively

Age Group	Players per Team	Formation
U10, U12	9 v 9	1-3-2-3

- b) Matches will be scheduled over two (2) time slots, as follows:

Match Slot	Age Grade
1	U10
2	U12

5. League Tables and Points

- a) Consistent with the MiniRoos guidelines, league tables will not be kept during the game phase of the 2017 Girls SAP
- b) Similarly, points will not be attributed to the result of any match in the SAP game phase

6. Matches

- a) There will be no Championship Matches at the conclusion of the 2017 Girls SAP game phase
- b) FNSW will coordinate gala weekends for all age grades of the Girls SAP. The gala weekends will be delivered in accordance with the principles of MiniRoos football

7. Match Officials

- a) The 2017 SAP will implement the Game Leader model as identified in the MiniRoos guidelines
- b) It is each licensee's responsibility to appoint Game Leaders to their home SAP matches
- c) For clarity, a Game Leader can be either:
- club official;
 - capable parent;
 - older child or player; or
 - beginner referee.

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Schedule 6: RAE - Girls Growth

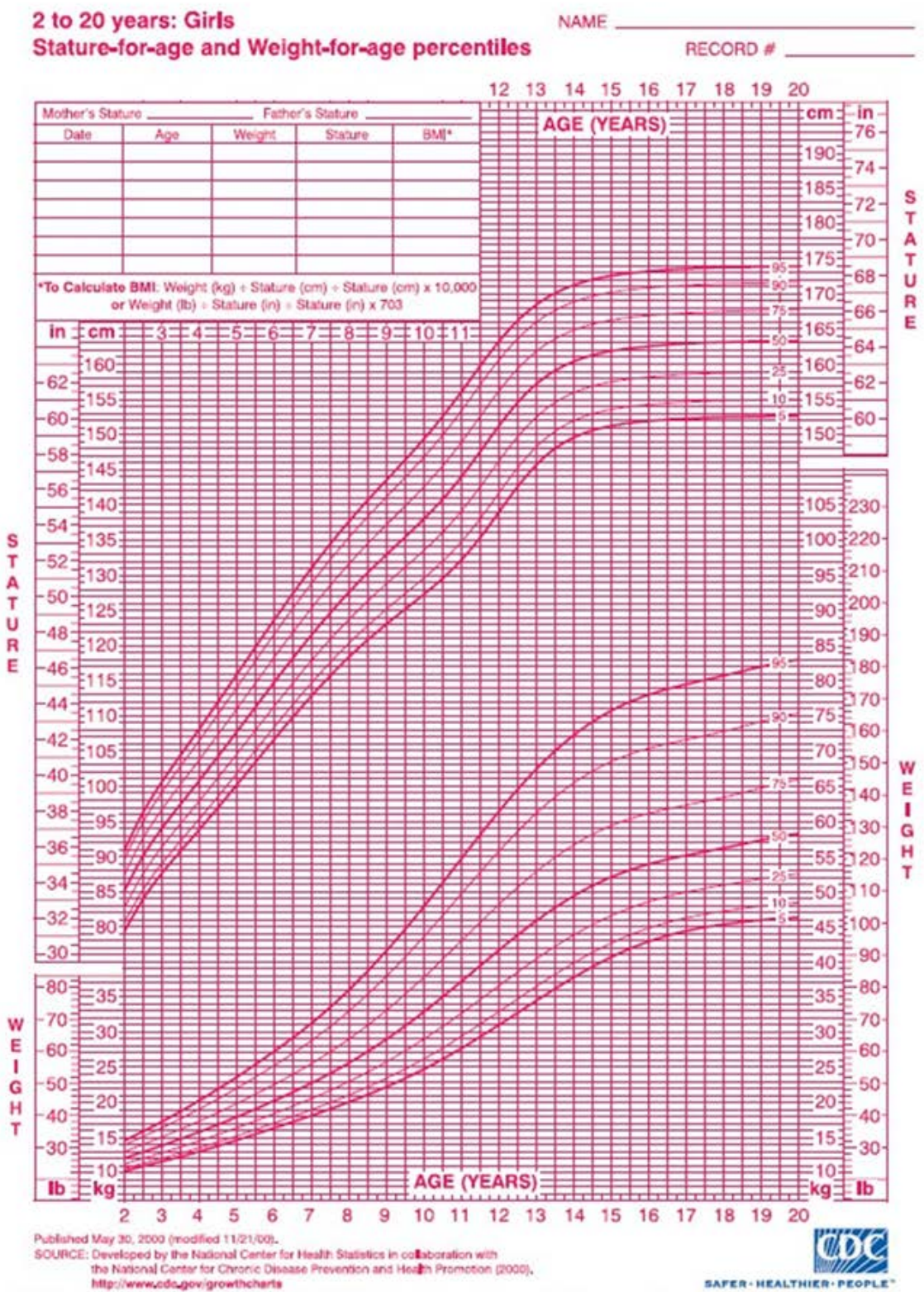


Figure 22. Clinical growth chart 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, 90th, 95th percentiles, 2 to 20 years: Girls stature-for-age and weight-for-age

Clinical growth chart 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, 90th, 95th percentiles, 2 to 20 years: Girls stature-for-age and weight-for-age in 2000 CDC Growth Charts for the United States: Methods and Development

Schedule 7: RAE - Mean Height

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Table 7. Height in centimeters for children and adolescents aged 2–19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007–2010

Sex and age ¹	Number of examined persons	Mean	Standard error of the mean	Percentile								
				5th	10th	15th	25th	50th	75th	85th	90th	95th
Male				Centimeters								
2 years	285	91.8	0.38	84.1	85.5	87.0	88.6	92.0	94.9	96.4	97.6	99.5
3 years	202	98.9	0.36	91.1	93.5	94.6	95.9	98.8	101.5	103.9	104.8	105.8
4 years	244	106.2	0.43	97.8	100.1	101.2	103.1	106.0	108.7	111.1	112.8	114.9
5 years	205	113.7	0.55	104.2	106.7	107.2	109.4	113.1	116.9	119.5	121.7	†
6 years	193	119.3	0.45	108.6	112.0	112.7	115.4	119.5	123.3	124.8	126.1	128.2
7 years	215	125.4	0.43	117.1	118.2	118.7	120.3	124.8	128.9	131.9	133.7	136.5
8 years	210	131.6	0.66	122.0	123.4	125.3	128.0	131.4	135.4	137.4	138.8	†
9 years	190	137.9	0.88	123.4	127.6	130.2	132.3	136.7	143.2	145.3	146.5	151.2
10 years	197	142.3	0.64	131.7	133.4	135.3	137.5	142.5	147.0	148.5	149.9	152.8
11 years	211	149.9	0.62	138.8	140.3	142.1	145.0	149.3	154.1	157.1	160.2	163.1
12 years	159	154.6	0.61	143.1	144.4	146.0	149.0	153.4	160.6	163.3	165.8	168.2
13 years	146	163.7	0.68	147.7	151.4	155.2	157.3	164.5	168.9	172.1	174.9	†
14 years	177	168.5	0.94	154.9	157.7	160.1	162.5	169.5	174.3	176.2	177.6	†
15 years	160	173.8	0.88	160.3	164.0	166.9	170.0	173.7	178.2	181.5	183.4	187.8
16 years	175	175.1	0.50	163.3	166.2	168.1	171.0	175.4	178.5	182.1	183.3	186.3
17 years	188	175.9	0.69	162.6	165.4	167.5	172.1	176.1	180.3	183.2	185.4	†
18 years	142	176.4	0.54	164.0	168.8	169.7	172.2	176.8	180.0	183.0	184.4	185.7
19 years	179	177.8	0.81	164.7	168.5	170.1	173.4	178.2	181.9	184.9	187.3	†
Female												
2 years	257	90.4	0.41	84.7	85.5	86.1	87.4	90.0	92.7	95.2	96.1	97.6
3 years	189	98.7	0.39	90.9	92.5	93.6	95.1	99.0	101.7	103.3	104.9	106.9
4 years	200	105.0	0.46	98.0	99.6	100.7	102.0	104.7	107.5	110.0	111.6	112.6
5 years	177	112.6	0.45	104.0	105.6	107.4	109.4	112.0	115.8	117.5	120.3	122.1
6 years	177	119.2	0.52	111.0	112.8	113.5	115.0	118.8	123.1	124.9	126.5	128.9
7 years	207	124.6	0.53	113.5	116.5	118.6	121.1	125.1	128.5	130.4	131.7	134.2
8 years	203	131.3	0.84	121.2	122.5	124.9	126.5	130.7	135.1	137.4	139.7	†
9 years	205	137.0	0.47	127.6	129.2	130.2	132.3	136.7	140.8	143.0	144.9	148.3
10 years	183	144.5	0.52	133.9	134.6	136.8	138.7	144.5	149.8	151.8	153.3	155.4
11 years	219	150.4	0.54	137.5	140.0	141.0	145.9	150.7	155.9	157.8	159.2	161.6
12 years	166	156.1	0.64	142.9	145.0	149.4	151.3	156.7	161.7	163.1	164.6	166.3
13 years	140	160.0	0.55	151.0	152.4	154.1	155.5	159.5	163.5	166.3	169.2	170.4
14 years	168	161.6	0.76	†	152.8	153.7	156.4	161.9	166.5	168.6	169.9	174.7
15 years	137	162.9	0.78	150.9	154.4	155.8	158.8	161.7	167.0	168.9	170.3	176.2
16 years	156	162.2	0.64	151.9	154.1	155.7	157.3	161.4	166.8	169.5	170.5	171.6
17 years	143	163.1	0.62	150.0	152.4	154.6	157.4	164.0	168.5	171.4	172.6	174.7
18 years	137	163.1	0.59	153.8	154.8	157.1	159.2	163.0	167.1	169.6	171.2	173.0
19 years	118	163.3	0.72	153.8	156.1	157.9	159.4	163.1	165.8	167.7	168.9	172.9

† Standard error not calculated by SUDAAN.

¹Refers to age at time of examination.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Height in centimeters for children and adolescents aged 2-19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007-2010

Schedule 8: RAE - Mean Weight Charts

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Table 1. Weight in kilograms for children and adolescents from birth through age 19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007–2010

Sex and age ¹	Number of examined persons	Mean	Standard error of the mean	Percentile								
				5th	10th	15th	25th	50th	75th	85th	90th	95th
Male				Kilograms								
Birth to 2 months	82	5.2	0.09	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.5	5.4	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.3
3–5 months	111	7.1	0.11	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.2	7.0	7.5	8.1	8.4	8.6
6–8 months	103	8.7	0.13	7.2	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.7	9.2	9.5	10.0	10.6
9–11 months	108	9.6	0.15	†	8.1	8.2	8.7	9.3	10.5	11.1	11.2	11.7
1 year	318	11.3	0.09	8.9	9.4	9.7	10.2	11.4	12.2	12.8	13.0	13.8
2 years	325	14.0	0.14	11.3	11.8	12.2	12.6	13.9	15.0	15.7	16.4	17.3
3 years	203	16.2	0.21	13.1	13.6	14.0	14.7	15.9	17.2	17.8	18.3	20.2
4 years	244	18.5	0.22	14.9	15.2	15.6	16.2	17.7	19.5	21.5	23.0	25.5
5 years	205	21.2	0.32	16.3	17.1	17.8	18.9	20.2	22.1	24.4	27.1	31.0
6 years	193	24.3	0.47	16.8	18.1	19.1	20.3	23.1	25.6	29.1	35.0	36.5
7 years	216	26.7	0.43	19.7	20.3	21.1	22.2	24.9	29.6	33.5	34.8	39.5
8 years	211	31.3	0.70	21.6	22.7	23.8	25.8	29.8	35.3	39.4	42.1	46.5
9 years	191	36.6	1.17	22.8	24.6	26.6	28.3	33.0	42.8	49.2	52.6	†
10 years	197	40.0	0.93	25.8	28.6	30.2	32.1	38.0	46.1	52.2	54.0	59.7
11 years	211	46.6	1.13	31.5	33.7	34.5	35.9	42.4	54.4	60.8	66.8	73.5
12 years	159	51.5	1.27	31.3	34.5	36.6	39.9	49.2	60.7	68.0	69.7	75.1
13 years	146	59.2	1.45	38.0	42.7	44.6	48.5	56.6	63.6	71.4	81.0	95.8
14 years	177	63.9	1.92	40.2	42.3	47.0	52.2	60.4	71.2	81.2	88.9	†
15 years	160	70.1	1.95	48.4	50.6	53.9	56.2	66.0	76.4	86.9	94.2	115.3
16 years	175	75.1	1.52	52.0	56.2	57.7	62.3	70.7	84.4	92.9	99.8	108.9
17 years	188	77.4	2.41	52.3	58.1	60.9	64.4	71.0	85.4	95.3	104.8	128.5
18 years	142	81.3	2.00	56.7	60.1	61.9	66.5	78.3	90.3	95.8	106.1	†
19 years	179	79.5	1.39	57.6	62.3	63.6	66.9	76.6	85.6	95.8	98.8	119.1
Female												
Birth to 2 months	82	5.0	0.11	3.0	3.6	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.8	6.0
3–5 months	104	6.7	0.07	5.2	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.9
6–8 months	103	8.1	0.07	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.9	9.3	9.6
9–11 months	119	9.0	0.12	7.3	7.6	7.8	8.4	8.9	9.7	10.0	10.2	10.7
1 year	297	10.9	0.10	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.7	10.7	11.7	12.2	12.7	13.1
2 years	282	13.4	0.15	10.9	11.2	11.7	12.1	13.2	14.4	14.9	15.6	16.5
3 years	191	15.7	0.24	12.3	12.8	13.1	13.8	15.4	16.9	18.1	18.9	19.7
4 years	200	17.7	0.21	14.2	14.9	15.1	15.8	17.1	18.9	20.4	22.0	23.1
5 years	177	21.1	0.54	15.9	16.6	17.4	18.1	19.7	22.4	24.2	26.4	†
6 years	177	23.6	0.47	18.3	18.7	19.2	20.4	22.5	25.2	27.6	30.3	33.5
7 years	207	26.8	0.53	19.4	20.6	21.0	22.1	25.2	28.9	32.8	35.4	39.6
8 years	203	31.9	1.01	21.8	23.1	23.7	25.0	29.2	37.8	42.4	43.6	48.0
9 years	205	35.5	0.98	23.3	26.1	26.5	28.0	31.9	40.1	46.1	49.3	55.7
10 years	183	41.1	0.74	27.3	29.1	30.1	33.6	39.0	45.3	52.3	55.0	61.3
11 years	219	47.5	1.28	30.0	31.5	33.0	36.1	43.3	56.5	63.0	66.8	79.6
12 years	166	52.3	1.26	30.6	34.8	38.0	43.1	51.4	60.3	65.7	72.1	75.7
13 years	140	56.8	1.41	38.8	41.4	44.6	46.1	52.3	64.8	72.4	75.7	83.2
14 years	168	61.6	1.13	42.7	44.8	47.7	51.1	59.0	67.1	73.5	76.4	†
15 years	137	63.3	1.32	44.2	46.5	48.2	54.5	59.5	70.6	77.1	85.8	92.3
16 years	156	62.4	1.11	45.5	48.4	50.0	51.3	58.7	69.5	77.9	84.8	92.0
17 years	143	63.7	1.56	45.4	47.9	49.1	51.8	60.8	68.4	80.0	83.8	92.0
18 years	137	65.4	1.67	46.6	50.6	51.8	53.5	58.6	69.5	80.4	85.8	105.0
19 years	118	68.0	2.00	44.4	47.1	51.0	55.1	62.8	76.8	88.2	94.9	106.7

† Standard error not calculated by SUDAAN.

¹Refers to age at time of examination.

NOTE: Pregnant females were excluded.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Weight in kilograms for children and adolescents from birth through age 19 years and number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age: United States, 2007–2010

Schedule 9: Player Points System – Men's

Football Federation Australia – PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues

A key outcome of the National Competitions Review (NCR) was the introduction of the Player Points System (PPS) to complement the Club Licensing framework for the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues (NPL). The objectives of the PPS are to:

- Provide greater opportunities to Australian Players;
- Promote a greater focus on the importance of youth development;
- Ensure Player salaries remain at levels which ensure the long term sustainability of NPL Clubs;
- Promote Players through the Club youth development structures;
- Increase the stability of Club Player Rosters;
- Maintain competitive balance and parity amongst the Clubs;
- Incentivise Players progressing through to national elite pathway teams (National Elite Pathway Team) to return to their original NPL Clubs; and
- Reward Clubs who develop Players that progress through to a National Elite Pathway Team.

The PPS encourages Clubs to simultaneously promote greater focus on youth development whilst delivering the outcomes and objectives of the NCR.

The PPS distinguishes between two distinct types of NPL Club team: those upon which an age restriction is placed (e.g. U16s, U18s, U20s) (Age-Eligible Team) and the Club's senior team, being the First Team.

The PPS points cap (Points Cap) applies to each NPL Club's First Team Player Roster (Player Roster) and this First Team is required to remain within the Points Cap at all times.

The Points Cap for the 2017 season will be set by each Member Federation, in consultation with FFA, up to a maximum of 200 points.

Each Player is, as a starting point, attributed a points value of 10 points, after which his points value is adjusted depending on certain characteristics which result in points being added to or deducted from the Player's points value. A Player's points value cannot be less than 0 points.

Promoting Players from the Club's Age-Eligible Teams into the Player Roster is permitted in limited circumstances as outlined further in the Explanatory Notes and Guidelines under Player Roster Requirements.

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Youth Player	-1 for each year the Player is under 23 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Youth Player is 22 years of age or younger as at 31 December of the current NPL season. • In relation to a Player's age, one point is deducted from the Player's points value for each year the Player is under 23 years of age. • The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five points.
Visa Player	+10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Visa Player is any Player who is not an Australian Player. • Ten points is added to a Player's points value if that Player is a Visa Player. • A Visa Player will only incur a maximum of 20 points on a Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. • A Visa Player may still benefit from the other categories of the PPS (e.g. Youth Player). • A Club can have a maximum of two Visa Players on their Player Roster at any one time.
Homegrown Player	-1 for each season registered with the NPL Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Homegrown Player is a Player that has been registered for any period during a season with his Club's Age-Eligible Teams (U12s through to U20s only). • One point is deducted from the Player's points value for each season the Player was registered with his Club's Age-Eligible Teams. • The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five points.
Loyalty Player	-1 for each continuous complete season with the NPL Club's first team squad (starting from his fifth season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Loyalty Player is a Player that has registered for his NPL Club's First Team for at least five continuous seasons. • One point is deducted from a Player's points value for each season, starting from his fifth continuous season, in which the Player is registered for the NPL Club's First Team.

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Switching Player	+5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five points is added to a Player's points value if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) he was registered as a professional with his previous Club (this does not apply to the nominated Australian Marquee Player); or b) he was registered in the NPL as an amateur with his previous Club and he played 10 or more games in that Club's First Team in the most recent NPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
	+3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three points is added to a Player's points value if he was registered in the NPL as an amateur with his previous Club and played in less than 10 games in that Club's First Team in the most recent NPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
	+2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two points is added to a Player's points value if he is an Australian Player and his last registration was as an amateur with an overseas Club.
	+1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One point is added to a Player's points value if the Player was last registered with a National Elite Pathway Team and registers for a NPL Club other than their Club of origin (i.e. the Club he was registered with prior to that National Elite Pathway Team).
Pathway Player	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No points are added to, or deducted from, a Player's points value only by virtue of that Player having left a NPL Club to join a National Elite Pathway Team and having returned to the same NPL Club.
Australian Marquee Player	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Australian Marquee Player is an Australian Player that was registered as a professional Player for a Hyundai A-League Club or an overseas Club immediately prior to registering with the NPL Club. The Australian Marquee Player will only incur a maximum of 10 points on a Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. The Player can benefit from the other categories of the PPS (i.e. Homegrown Player) A Club can have one Player on its Player Roster nominated as its Australian Marquee Player at any one time.

Points Deductions

An NPL Club's Points Total can be decreased in accordance with the following provisions:

Category	Points Bonus	Criteria
Youth Player Advancement	-3 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three points may be deducted from a Club's Points Total for each Player that is signed by a National Elite Pathway Team from the NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams (U12s to U20s only).• The points deduction will only apply for one NPL season, which must be applied in either the NPL season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPL season.
First Team Player Advancement	-8 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eight points may be deducted from a Club's Points Total for each Player that is signed by a National Elite Pathway Team from the NPL Club's First Team Player Roster.• The points deduction will only apply for one NPL season, which must be applied in either the NPL season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPL season.
Promoted Club	-20 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eight points may be deducted from a Club's Points Total for each Player that is signed by a National Elite Pathway Team from the NPL Club's First Team Player Roster.• The points deduction will only apply for one NPL season, which must be applied in either the NPL season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPL season.

General Definitions and Explanatory Notes

The following discussion points and examples are intended to provide Member Federations and PlayStation 4 National Premier League Clubs with further clarity around each of the PPS categories.

General Definitions

National Elite Pathway Team

A National Elite Pathway Team is a team which participates in the National Elite Pathway, as determined by the FFA Technical Department and the Member Federations from time to time. Points are credited for the movement of Players through the National Elite Pathway.

For the purposes of the PPS, a team is a National Elite Pathway Team if they are one of the following:

- Hyundai A-League Club including Academy team's (e.g. U12s to First Team) and the Hyundai A-League Team;
- Foxtel National Youth League team;
- National Training Centre team;
- Member Federation institute program team; or
- FFA Centre of Excellence Team.

First Team Player Roster

Is the roster of Players for a Club's First Team maintained in accordance with the Player Points System and any other NPL competition regulations provided by the applicable Member Federation.

Points Total

Is the sum of all points attributed to all Players on a Club's Player Roster at any given time.

Explanatory Notes

Player Roster Requirements

- At all times during a NPL season, a Club must include a minimum of 20 Players on its Player Roster and may include a maximum of 23 Players on its Player Roster.
- A Club may promote a Player from its Age-Eligible Teams to play for its First Team up to a maximum of 40% of matches throughout a NPL season without being required to include such Player on the Player Roster. In order for such Player to be eligible to play in more than 40% of the matches in the NPL season, the Player must be included on the Club's Player Roster.
- For the purposes of the PPS, playing in a match is defined as taking the field of play (ie. in the starting 11 or entering the field as a substitute). For the avoidance of doubt, it will not constitute playing a match if the Player remains on the bench and does not enter the field of play.
- All Players must be registered to the appropriate age-category (where applicable). Any Player who during the NPL 2016 Season exceeds the age-limit for the oldest Age-Eligible Team at an NPL Club (e.g. U20), must be included on his Club's Player Roster.

Youth Player

Please refer to the table below in respect to the relevant point deductions in the Youth Player category:

Player's Age as at 31 December in current NPL season	Points Deduction
22 years of age	-1
21 years of age	-2
20 years of age	-3
19 years of age	-4
18 years of age and under	-5

Australian Player

An Australian Player is any Player who is:

- a citizen of Australia;
- a Permanent Resident of Australia (where Permanent Resident means a person resident in Australia on a "permanent" visa class issued by the Australian Government, evidenced by either the person's Visa

Grant Notice or as a listed entitlement on the person's online Visa Entitlement Verification); or

- the holder of a subclass 200 refugee visa or a subclass 866 protection visa issued by the Australian Government.

Visa Player

- A Visa Player is any Player who is not an Australian Player
- Member Federations and NPL Clubs are encouraged to refer to the following website for further clarification regarding visas: <http://www.border.gov.au/>
- For the purposes of the PPS, a New Zealand Citizen is classified as a Visa Player unless he or she satisfies the definition of an Australian Player. Please refer to the Department of Immigration website for further clarification regarding the status of New Zealand Citizens in Australia: <http://www.border.gov.au/>
- Any Player participating in the NPL with a Hyundai A-League Club who has been permitted to play in the Foxtel National Youth League as an "NYL Australian Player" will, for the purposes of the PPS, be deemed an Australian Player.

Homegrown Player

- A Player does not need to register in continuous seasons in a Club's Age-Eligible Teams (e.g. U12s to U20s only) in order to be eligible for Homegrown Player points.
- Example: For a Player who was registered for the Club in the U12s and U14s but was not registered with the Club in the U16s-U20s, a total of two points will be deducted from his points value for the current season.
- A Player is eligible for Homegrown Player points at the same time as being eligible for Loyalty Player points.

Loyalty Player

- Example: a Player is registered with a NPL Club's First Team in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (continuous seasons). If also registered in 2017, he will be eligible to receive his first point reduction of one point as a Loyalty Player in the 2017 season.
- If a Player is not registered with any Club for a season and subsequently returns to his last NPL Club, the number of continuous seasons of registering for that NPL Club will be deemed to be continuous.
- Example: a Player was registered with the same NPL Club in 2013, 2014 and 2015 (continuous seasons), however was not registered with any Club in 2016. If the Player registers with that NPL Club in 2017, it will be deemed to be his fourth continuous season with that Club.
- Should a Player move into a National Elite Pathway Team, the determination of the continuous seasons of service will not be deemed to have ceased if he returns to his previous NPL Club. During the Player's time in the National Elite Pathway Team, the calculation of continuous seasons of service will be suspended.
- Example: Player John Smith of NPL Club A has been part of the First Team squad for three continuous seasons. He then moves to a Hyundai A-League Club for two years and then at the completion of his stint with that Hyundai A-League Club, he returns to NPL Club A. This season with NPL Club A will be deemed his fourth continuous season.

Switching Player

- This category only applies where a Player registers for a new Club.

- The definition of played means taking the field of play (ie. part of the starting eleven or taking the field as a substitute).
- Switching Player points also apply for mid-season registrations and transfers, including a Player promoted from a Club's Age-Eligible Team.
- Where a Player is promoted from a Club's Age-Eligible Team (or equivalent) to a Club's Player Roster during the season, Switching Player Points will be applied where the Player's registration immediately prior (e.g. earlier the 2016 season) or in the previous NPL season was with another NPL Club.

Pathway Player

- A Pathway Player is subject to all other categories of the PPS (other than the Switching Player category). For example, he is eligible for Loyalty Player points and Homegrown Player points.
- A Player who departs a NPL Club for a National Elite Pathway Team and returns to the same NPL Club will be classified as a Pathway Player provided the Player has remained within the National Elite Pathway for the duration of their absence from the relevant NPL Club.

Example A: Player history of John Smith – Eligible Pathway Player

2012- 2013 - Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

2014 - Registered with Perth Glory (NYL)

2015 - Registered with Brisbane Roar (A-League)

2016 - Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

Example B: Player history of Mark Jones – Ineligible Pathway Player

2013 - Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

2014 - Registered with Perth Glory (NYL)

2015 - Registered with Thailand FC (Overseas)

2016 - Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

Australian Marquee Player

- An Australian Marquee Player is subject to all other categories of the PPS (e.g. Homegrown Player) but will not be subject to the Switching Player category:
- a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, a Player may only be categorised as an Australian Marquee Player in his first season with the Club and for one season only in his career for that Club. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player is not able to be an Australian Marquee Player in his second season in the NPL with that Club.
 - b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, if a Player is categorised as an Australian Marquee Player for an NPL Club, he then transfers as a professional to a Hyundai A-League Club or overseas Club and then subsequently returns to the NPL and seeks to register for an NPL Club (either the same or different NPL Club), he is eligible to be categorised as an Australian Marquee.

Points Deduction– Youth Player Advancement

Example: A NPL Club has an U12 team Player and an U20 team Player signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The NPL Club can choose to have (a) six points deducted (-6 points) from this season's Points Total, (b) three points deducted (-3 points) from this season's and next season's Points Total, or (c) six points deducted (-6 points) from next season's Points Total.

Points Deduction – First Team Player Advancement

Example: A NPL Club has two First Team Players signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The NPL Club can choose to have (a) sixteen points deducted (-16 points) from this season's Points Total, (b) eight points deducted (-8 points) from this season's and next season's Points Total, or (c) sixteen points deducted (-16 points) from next season's Points Total.

Points Deduction – Promoted Club

This category applies to Clubs promoted into the NPL and NPL Clubs promoted from NPL 2nd division into the NPL 1st division.

Schedule 10: Additional Rules - Player Points System (PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 Men's)

1. Scope and Application

- a) Schedule 10 is to be read in conjunction with Schedule 9: Player Points System – Men's, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 Men's Player Points System
- b) Schedule 10 is specific to the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 Men's only

2. Points Cap

- a) The Player Points System (PPS) cap will be set at, the follow amounts for 2017-2020:

NPL 3 Men's Player Points System – Points Cap			
2017	2018	2019	2020
270	250	220	200

3. Promotion Points Bonus

- a) Those clubs promoted from the Football NSW State League Men's to the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 Men's in 2017 will not receive a promotion bonus for PPS purposes
- b) The Promotion Points Bonus from Football NSW State League Men's to PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 Men's will be dependent on the status of the promoted club's youth program (U13-U16):
 - i. Clubs with an existing youth program within the FNSW State Leagues (PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Youth and PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 Youth) will be granted a twenty (20) point promotion bonus upon promotion to the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 Men's
 - ii. Clubs without an existing youth program within the FNSW State Leagues (PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Youth and PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2 Youth) will be granted a forty (40) point promotion bonus upon promotion to the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3 Men's

Schedule 11: Definitions

“Association Member” means those admitted from time to time as association members of Football NSW under the Football NSW Constitution.

“Away Club” Means the Club not playing the Fixture or Match at its home ground and / or appearing second on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

“Board” mean the directors of Football NSW appointed or elected from time to time. “Body” Has its meaning given to it under the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations. “By-Laws” means the by-laws of Football NSW as amended from time to time.

“Championship” means the final series conducted at the completion of the Premiership in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

“Club” means an entity formed for the purpose of playing football or futsal in the Competitions.

“Club Official” means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club or Centre (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

“Coach” Any person with the required qualifications registered with Football NSW to control a Football teams training and match performance.

“Competitions” means any or all of the football matches or competitions conducted by Football NSW.

“Constitution” means the constitution of Football NSW as amended up to 26 August 2011.

“Cup” means a tournament or event conducted by Football NSW which includes, but not limited to, the Waratah Cup played in the State in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

“Executive” means the Chief Executive Officer of Football NSW or his or her nominee.

“FFA” means Football Federation Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

“Field of Play” or **“playing area”** Means the field of play and any perimeter area between the line markings of the pitch and the spectator area.

“FIFA” means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee.

“Fixture” means a meeting of clubs as scheduled in all grades applicable.

“FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations” means the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations 2014.

“Football Activity” means any activity of a football nature that takes place on the field of play, playing area or within the external surrounds of a ground or venue or any other activity relating or incidental to the objects of Football NSW.

“Football NSW” means Football NSW Limited ACN 003 215 923 which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the State.

“Hyundai A-League (HAL) Academy Clubs” means Central Coast Mariners FC, Sydney FC & Western Sydney Wanderers FC National Youth League team and under pinning teams that are participating in the PlayStation 4 National Premier League 2 NSW Men’s & PlayStation 4 National Premier League NSW Youth Competitions

“Home Club” Means the Club playing the Fixture or Match at its home ground and/or appearing first on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

“Laws of the Game” means the official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by FIFA

“League” means a competition conducted by FNSW comprised of specific gender and age grades, as declared by the Board.

“Manager” Any Person registered with Football NSW to control the administrative aspect of a Team’s training and match performance.

“Match” means any match played in a Football NSW Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under Football NSW’s control.

“Match Official” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FFA, Football NSW, a Referee’s Body, a Centre, an Association Member or a Club to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.

“Misconduct” has the meaning given to it under section 15.3 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

“Official” means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official.

“Person” means a natural person.

“Participation Agreement” means the Part 3 document completed by the club or team on acceptance to the competition.

“Participant” means a Player, Official or Spectator.

“Player” means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FFA, junior or senior or an Amateur or Professional).

“Pre-Season” Means the period of the year outside the Season.

“Pre-Season Competition” means Fixtures or matches played prior to the commencement of a Football NSW Competition.

“Premiership” means the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a Team competes in during a Season in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

“Professional Player” Means a player registered with a football club under a written contract to play football for reward other than payment for sundry expenses such as traveling to and from a football activity. Every other player is an Amateur player.

“Regulations” means these Football NSW Competition Regulations.

“Representative Competition” Means any competition involving solely teams representing either Nations, States, Territories, Regions or institutes.

“Round” means a series of fixtures scheduled by Football NSW.

“Season” means from the commencement of a Football NSW Competition to the conclusion of a Football NSW Competition unless otherwise directed by Football NSW.

“Spectator” means a person who attends a Match.

“Stadium” means stadia, venue or ground where the Match is conducted.

“Stadium Technical Requirements” means the regulations adopted on 6 August 2012.

“State” means the state of New South Wales with the exception of the northern regions of NSW which are identified by FFA as “Northern NSW”.

“Suspension” means a suspension applicable under, or issued pursuant to, the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

“Team” means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

“Team Official” means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club, Centre or an Association Member.

“Trial Match” means any Match played by two Clubs which does not form part of a Football NSW Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament but has been sanctioned by Football NSW.

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