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FFA CUP SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**2021 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

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# SECTION 1: FFA CUP ORGANISATION & ADMISSION

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## 1. Scope and Application

- a) All Clubs participating in the FFA Cup are bound by the FFA Cup Competition Regulations as promulgated by FFA from time to time.
- b) These Supplementary Competition Regulations (Regulations) shall apply to all FFA Cup Preliminary Round matches administered by FNSW and may be amended by FNSW at any time.
- c) To the extent there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the FFA Cup Competition Regulations, the latter shall prevail.
- d) Terms defined in the FFA Cup Competition Regulations and Football NSW (FNSW) Rules of Competition shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.

## 2. Control of Competitions

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds by FNSW is vested in the Executive subject to any resolution by the Board to the contrary.

## 3. Consequences for Breach

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

## 4. Outstanding Debts

- a) Treatment of outstanding debts will be as per the FNSW By-laws.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, failure to comply with outstanding debts in accordance with the FNSW By-Laws may result in ineligibility to participate in FFA Cup Matches or forfeiture of completed FFA Cup Matches.
- c) This article applies to all FFA Cup Matches conducted by FNSW.

## 5. Special Consideration

- a) The Executive will have the power to consider individual 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 individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

## 6. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings

- a) All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at an FFA Cup Match during the Preliminary Rounds, or any associated event, will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations and the FFA Cup Competition Regulations as applicable.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee will be convened by the Competitions Manager in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

## 7. 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.

## 8. Cup Format and Information

- a) All National Premier Leagues (NPL, NPL 2, NPL 3 and NPL 4) Clubs are required to register and participate in the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds.
- b) The FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds will follow a gradual FFA Cup at the following stages:
- I. 122 Association Clubs will enter the FFA Cup in Round 2; and
  - II. All Clubs in National Premier Leagues 3 Men's and National Premier Leagues 4 Men's Competitions, along with the remaining 12 Association Clubs will enter the FFA Cup in Round 3; and
  - III. All Clubs in NPL Men's and NPL 2 Men's will enter the FFA Cup in Round 4.
- c) FNSW may amend the seeding of any Club within the draw as it deems necessary.
- d) All Round winners will proceed to the next Round.
- e) All Round draws will be random with no separation of seeds within each round.
- f) Where required, a bye round will fill any vacant slots in the draw process.
- g) FNSW may alter fixture kickoff times and dates as it deems necessary.
- h) The competition progression of the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds for FNSW will be as follows:

Round Number	Participant	Progression
Round 2	All Clubs outlined in Section 1 art. 8 i	All winners from Round 2 matches progress to Round 3
Round 3	All Clubs outlined in Section 1 art. 8 b) ii and winning teams from Round 2	All winners from Round 3 matches progress to Round 4
Round 4	All Clubs outlined in Section 1 art. 8 b) ii and winning teams from Round 3	All winners from Round 4 matches progress to Round 5
Round 5	All winning Clubs from Round (4 matches	All winners from Round 5 matches progress through to Round 6
Round 6	All winning Clubs from Round 5 matches	All winners from Round 6 matches progress through to Round 7
Round 7	All winning Clubs from Round 6 matches	All winners from Round 7 matches progress through to the Round of 32 (Final Rounds)

# SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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

a) All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the FFA Cup Competition Regulations and these 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.

## 2. Match Balls

- a) The Home Club shall provide the Match Official with three (3) match balls (size 5) no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the FFA Cup Match.
- b) Only licensed balls approved by FNSW may be used as match balls for FFA Cup Matches and warming-up.
- c) Where directed by FFA or FNSW, Clubs must use the Official FFA Cup Match Ball.
- d) Failure to supply match balls will result in a fine of \$100 per match they are not supplied.

## 3. Duration of Match

- a) Each FFA Cup Match must consist of two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes to total a “full” regular period FFA Cup Match time of ninety (90) minutes, excluding any injury time played as determined by the Referee.
- b) The half-time break for each FFA Cup Match will be fifteen (15) minutes.

## 4. Extra Time and Penalties

- a) If at the conclusion of the regular period in any FFA Cup Match (including injury time), the scores between the two (2) Clubs are tied, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes will be played. The conditions of Law 8 of the FIFA Laws of the Game will apply.

## 5. Substitution Rules

- a) For Preliminary Round Matches, Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes:
  - I. 17 players will be permitted on the team sheet, the 17th player must be a substitute Goalkeeper
  - II. If a team does not have a substitute Goalkeeper, that team will be capped at 16 players on the team sheet
  - III. To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the match; substitutions may also be made at half time (do not count as one (1) of the three (3));
  - IV. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for each team;
  - V. Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time
  - VI. each team will have one (1) additional substitution opportunity during Extra Time of a match up until the conclusion of Extra Time (whether or not the team has already used the full number of permitted substitution opportunities in normal time.

- b) A substitution can be made upon a Match Official being notified. A substitute Player must only enter the field of play:
  - I. after the Player being replaced has left the field of play
  - II. after he receives a signal from the Referee; and
  - III. at the half-way line and during a stoppage in the FFA Cup Match.
- c) The Player leaving the field must leave the field at the nearest point on the boundary line, unless otherwise directed by the referee

## 6. Colours

- a) Where colours clash in the opinion of the referee, The Away team must change.
- b) The Away team is second team indicated in draw unless otherwise advised by FNSW.
- c) All teams must wear numbered strip with no duplication of numbers.
- d) All teams must have with them at each match a complete official and reserve playing strip.

## 7. Postponed Matches and Fixtures

- a) If an FFA Cup Match is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either club (including its Players and Officials) at or after sixty (60) minutes of the regular period being played and where, at the time of the FFA Cup Match being abandoned, the scores are not level, the result at the time of abandonment will be declared the final result.
- b) If an FFA Cup Match is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either club (including its Players and Officials) either:
  - a. at the time of the FFA Cup Match being abandoned, the scores are level; or
  - b. prior to sixty (60) minutes of the regular period having been played,

The FFA Cup Match must be rescheduled by FNSW. Such rescheduling will require the FFA Cup Match to either restart from the beginning or recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted (to be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of FNSW. The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the FFA Cup Match:

- I. The Match will recommence with the same Players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the FFA Cup 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 postponed

## 8. Forfeits

- a) Should a FFA Cup Match not commence within 10 minutes of the start time in the match schedule or amended by FNSW, the FFA Cup Match will be forfeited by the team that has caused the delay to the start of the FFA Cup Match.
- b) Forfeits prior to the scheduled match day will result in a fine of \$500.
- c) Forfeits on the day of the scheduled match or without notice will result in a fine of \$500 per forfeited match plus relevant match official's fees.

# SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINARY

## 1. Player Eligibility

### a) Eligible Players:

- I. An eligible Player is one who has completed an online registration through National Registration System, either direct with a FNSW or with a FNSW Member Association.
- II. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in the FFA Cup and can only represent the Club to which he is currently registered.

### b) Ineligible Players:

An Ineligible Players is;

- I. Unregistered Players.
  - II. Suspended Players.
  - III. Football NSW may decide, in it's absolute discretion, whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandon, cancelled or forfeited Match and any such decision is final and not subject to any challenge or appeal.
  - IV. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the day/s prior to a FFA Cup Match but after the regular Disciplinary Committee hearing date.
  - V. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the FFA Cup Match but played early in the day.
  - VI. A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the FFA Cup Competition Regulations, these Regulations and/or FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- c) Any Team that fields an ineligible Player will automatically lose that FFA Cup Match on forfeit and be fined \$250.
- d) Additionally the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may further sanctioned in accordance with the FFA Cup Competition Regulations, these Regulations and/or FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- e) For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any FFA Cup Match

## 2. Maximum Player Rosters

- a) All Clubs participating in the FNSW FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds must allocate players to FNSW FFA Cup team on Play Football no less than 48 hours prior to the day scheduled for the Club's FNSW FFA Cup Match. Football NSW will then provide an approved ID Team Sheet.
- b) FNSW will maintain the list of Players on each Club's FNSW FFA Cup Player ID Sheet.
- c) Contained in the table are the maximum players permissible for registration in the Preliminary Rounds of the FFA Cup:

Squad Total	Team Sheet
Maximum of 40 players	A maximum of seventeen (17) Players only may be listed on the team sheet, the 17th player must be a substitute Goalkeeper. If a team does not have a substitute Goalkeeper, that team will be capped at 16 players on the team sheet in accordance with section 4 art. 1 c)



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- d) A Club may add players to the squad total however a Club may not remove a player from the submitted squad total.

### 3. Disciplinary Matters

a) Yellow Cards:

- I. For the Preliminary Rounds, three (3) yellow cards equates to a one match suspension. Suspensions incurred due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards from the Preliminary Rounds will apply to the next FFA Cup Match in which the suspended Player's Club competes in.
- II. If a Club is eliminated from the FFA Cup and a player has received his third yellow card in the match that the Club was eliminated, the suspension will apply for the players next FFA Cup Match in which the player competes in. Yellow Card suspensions are FFA Cup specific and are required to be served in the FFA Cup.

b) Red Cards:

- I. For the Preliminary Rounds, the Minimum Sanctions set out in the Table of Offences (as outlined in Schedule B of the FFA Cup Regulations) must be applied by FNSW to Red Card Offences and to Expulsion Offences.
- II. Red Card suspensions incurred in an FFA Cup Match are to be served in the Club's next competitive fixture(s) Red Card suspensions incurred in a Local Competition fixture will apply to the next Match in which the suspended Player's club competes in, including the FFA Cup.

# SECTION 4: TEAM SHEETS, RESULTS, MATCH OFFICIALS & VENUE ENTRY

## 1. Team Sheets

- a) Official FNSW team sheets must be used for all FFA Cup Matches. Team sheet must be completed by both teams and handed to the Referee prior to commencement of FFA Cup Match. It shall be the responsibility of the first team mentioned in the draw to supply the team sheet.
- b) Each player's name & FFA Number is to be printed on the team sheet corresponding with the number on the playing strip.
- c) A maximum of seventeen (17) Players only may be listed on the team sheet, the 17th player must be a substitute Goalkeeper. If a team does not have a substitute Goalkeeper, that team will be capped at 16 players on the team sheet.
- d) On completion of the game it is the responsibility of the winning team manager to obtain the team sheet from the Referee and email it to [matchreports@footballnsw.com.au](mailto:matchreports@footballnsw.com.au)
- e) Failure to comply with any section of this regulation may result in a fine of \$100.

## 2. Results of Matches

- a) For all FFA Cup Matches FNSW will enter the results into SportsTG.

## 3. 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.

## 4. Referee's Fees

- a) FNSW is responsible for the payment of Match Official Fees in accordance with the FFA Cup Match Official Fees determined by FA.

FFA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUNDS - MATCH OFFICIAL FEES				
Round	Referee	AR1	AR2	4th Official
2	\$110	\$55	\$55	N/A
3	\$120	\$60	\$60	N/A
4	\$140	\$70	\$70	N/A
5	\$150	\$75	\$75	N/A
6	\$160	\$80	\$80	N/A
7	\$180	\$90	\$90	\$90

## 5. Admittance to Preliminary Round Fixtures

- a) Admittance prices for the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds shall be up to the following maximums:

	Adult	Student or Concession	Child Under 16
Round 2 - 3	\$5	\$3	Free
Round 4 - 7	\$10	\$5	

- b) FNSW's and FFA's conditions of entry to venues apply to all matches in the Preliminary Rounds. Each hosting Club shall display those conditions at each entry point to the venue.



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