



FOOTBALL
NSW

**STADIUM TECHNICAL
REGULATIONS
2026 COMPETITIONS**

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SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATION, SCOPE, AND BREACH

1. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- a. These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions (the Competitions) unless stated otherwise:
- i. National Premier Leagues Men's NSW.
 - ii. Football NSW League One Men's.
 - iii. Football NSW League Two Men's.
 - iv. Football NSW Boys' Youth League One.
 - v. Football NSW Boys' Youth League Two.
 - vi. Football NSW Boys' Youth League Three.
 - vii. National Premier Leagues Women's NSW.
 - viii. Football NSW League One Women's.
 - ix. Football NSW Girls' Youth League One.
 - x. Football NSW Girls' Youth League Two.
 - xi. Football NSW Association Youth League.
 - xii. Mixed Junior Development League (MJDL).
 - xiii. Girls' Junior Development League (GJDL); and
 - xiv. Football NSW Cup Competitions (other than the FNSW State Cup and Champion of Champions Competitions)
- b. Reference to a Club includes the relevant Association or Branch accepted to participate in the Competition.

2. STADIUM NON-COMPLIANCE

- a. Should a Club allow the degradation of their Stadium to a condition where the criteria are no longer met, or should a Club not meet a schedule of work warranted in an Application Form submitted for entry to a Football NSW League, Football NSW will determine one of the following courses of action:
- i. All or some of the Club's matches will be played at its opponents' Stadiums, where available; or
 - ii. Football NSW will nominate an alternative Stadium for the Club's matches; or
 - iii. A combination of i) and ii) will be employed.
 - iv. Removal of all or part of the Club from Football NSW Competitions and incorporation of a Bye, and, where applicable, forfeits for any concluded matches in accordance with the Football NSW Competition Regulations.
- b. In all cases of i) through iv), the non-compliant Club whose Stadium has not met the required criteria will be responsible for the full costs incurred by Football NSW or the opponent Club for the staging of all aspects of their "home" matches.

3. DISPENSATION

- a. Football NSW may grant special dispensation to a Club in the process of upgrading their facilities.
- b. Should the required renovations not be completed prior to the season following granting of the dispensation, the Club will be required to resubmit an updated special dispensation request outlining the times lines for completion. Football NSW may grant a further dispensation based on the submission however it reserves the right not to admit the club to the eligible League and may place the club in a League lower than that for which they are eligible.

- c. Football NSW may authorise the temporary use of a non-compliant venue to complete fixtures where scheduling and inclement weather mean that, with all other measures exhausted, use of the venue is the only means by which the match can be completed.

4. FACILITY AUDIT

- a. Each Club must submit a Field/Facility Audit upon request by Football NSW or allow access to site for Football NSW employee to undertake a facility audit.
- b. Any infrastructure upgrades to a Club's venue should be reported to Football NSW Competitions Department to maintain and update National Facilities Database.

SECTION 2: SAFETY, SECURITY AND ACCESS

1. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. It is the responsibility of each individual Club to ensure the safety and security of all individuals participating in, officiating at, working at, or otherwise attending matches at the Club's nominated Stadium.

2. ENCLOSED STADIUMS

- a. The following Football NSW competitions must have an enclosed stadium:
 - i. National Premier League NSW Men's
 - ii. National Premier League NSW Women's
- b. Football NSW strongly recommends an enclosed stadium for clubs participating in the following Football NSW competitions:
 - i. Football NSW League One and League Two Men's.
 - ii. Football NSW League One Women's
- c. All other Football NSW Leagues not listed in a) and b) above are not required to have an enclosed stadium.
- d. The fence surrounding the Stadium must be a minimum 1.8 metres in height and constructed of solid material without gaps or faults that could allow ineligible entry to the Stadium.

3. PROHIBITED ITEMS

- a. All Clubs are required to comply with the FA Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity, For more information click the following link – [FA Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity](#)
- b. At any fixture under the jurisdiction of Football NSW the following items are prohibited:
 - i. Flares.
 - ii. Fireworks.
 - iii. Other flammable objects.
 - iv. Loudhailers.
 - v. Instruments prohibited by law.
 - vi. Anything of any nature that does not positively reflect the image of the Club, Association, Branch, FNSW or the game in general.
- c. In relation to article 3 b. i – vi, should the spectators of a Club be found to have breached this article, a fine of \$1,000 will be imposed on that Club for a first offence in the football season. All subsequent offences will attract a fine of \$5,000.
- d. Each Club will be required to take steps to ensure that its supporters (at both home and away matches) and patrons (at home matches) are aware of the Items that are prohibited.
- e. Football NSW or any Football NSW appointed official may request the immediate removal of any prohibited Item at their discretion.
- f. Each home Club is to ensure that such prohibited Items are not brought into their Stadium by any spectator or individual.
- g. Failure of Individuals, Clubs, and organisations to comply with the Prohibited Items requirement may result in disciplinary action.

4. EMERGENCY EXIT PLAN

All Stadiums must have an Emergency Exit Plan. The Emergency Exit Plan must be clearly displayed at all points of entry and exit as well as at other strategic points around the Stadium.

5. EMERGENCY EXITS

All Emergency Exits must be clearly signposted and adequately lit, in accordance with Australian Standards, and must be free of any form of obstruction.

6. GENERAL ACCESS SECURITY

At Stadiums that are required to have enclosed fencing, all access points must be staffed by appropriate personnel (i.e. Club Officials or Security Guards) and have an identified area for examining objects brought into the Stadium.

7. EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESS

There must be direct access for Emergency Service vehicles to the Stadium and Field of Play. All emergency access points must always be maintained free from obstruction.

8. FIRE PREVENTION

The Stadium must be equipped with all fire prevention devices as required by Government and Australian Standards.

9. SMOKING AND DRINKING

- a. It is prohibited to smoke or consume alcohol within the confines of the pitch perimeter fence.
- b. Smoking is also prohibited in all spectator areas within the boundaries of the venue.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

- a. Football NSW may from time to time, due to actual or perceived possibility of disturbance, require Clubs to submit a Risk Assessment for any match played at its Stadium.
- b. The Risk Assessment must at a minimum consider and define:
 - i. Projected crowd figures.
 - ii. Stadium Access points for players, officials, spectators, media etc.
 - iii. Pedestrian flows into and out of relevant areas of the Stadium for Teams, Match Officials, Media, and Spectators.
 - iv. Access and flows for Emergency Services and Security.
 - v. Modes of control of access to restricted areas.
 - vi. Position and numbers of Security and Police at strategic points around the Stadium and Stadium precinct.
 - vii. Signposting of entry and exit points.
 - viii. Emergency Exit Plan.

11. RESTRICTED ACCESS AREAS

- a. Clubs are required to implement Restricted Access to the following areas as a minimum:
 - i. Player's Dressing rooms for Players, Club Officials and Match Officials only
 - ii. Referees' Dressing Rooms for Match Officials only
 - iii. Players Race (at applicable Stadiums) for Players, Match Officials, Security Personnel, Emergency Services, and home Club Officials only
 - iv. Field of Play for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security Personnel, Emergency Services, and registered photographers only.
- b. Further to the above, Clubs in the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Football NSW League One Men's are required to implement Restricted Access to the Press Area for registered media, Football NSW appointed officers and home Club staff.

- c. All Restricted Access Areas must be signposted, clearly indicating the identification, pass or ticket required to access the area.
- d. All Clubs are encouraged to further define restricted points of access to the Stadium for players, media, staff etc. to promote more efficient and professional coordination of their match day operations.

12. TICKET BOX

- a. For the National Premier League NSW Men's and Women's competitions and Football NSW League One Men's and Women's, the Stadium must have a clearly identifiable Ticket Box at the entrance gate that provides all weather protection and security to Club or FNSW staff.
- b. For Football NSW League One Womens and Football NSW League Two Men's, should a Club elect to sell tickets for entry to the Stadium, a Ticket Box as above must be supplied.

For clarity, Clubs may charge an entry fee in the following competitions:

- i. National Premier Leagues NSW Men's – 1st Grade and Grade 20.
- ii. Football NSW League One Men's – 1st Grade and Grade 20.
- iii. Football NSW League Two Men's – 1st Grade and Grade 20.
- iv. National Premier Leagues NSW Women's – 1st Grade and Grade 23.
- v. Football NSW League One Womens – 1st Grade and Grade 23.

13. GROUND SHARE

Ground sharing is permitted but must be approved by the Football NSW Competitions Department.

14. PARKING

- a. It is recommended that safe car parking and team bus parking spaces for home and away players/team officials and match officials be provided within 250 meters of the ground.
- b. If such parking is not located in the immediate vicinity of players' and officials' entrance, it is recommended that a safe and secure drop-off area be organised.

SECTION 3: FIELD OF PLAY

1. FIELD OF PLAY DIMENSIONS

The below provides the minimum, maximum and compulsory dimensions for Field of Play markings. All fields used in Football NSW Competitions must conform to these dimensions.

a. 11 a side Football:

- i. FIFA recommendations for field dimensions in professional football are 105 metres in length and 68 metres in width. Clubs are encouraged where possible to mark their fields in accordance with this standard.
- ii. The field length should fall within the recommended range of 100 metre to 110 metres.
- iii. The field width should fall within the recommended range of 64 metres to 75 metres.
- iv. Football NSW may introduce modified field dimensions for Youth Grades of football from time to time.
- v. There must be buffer zones between the Field of Play line marking and any Advertising Boards or Perimeter Fence. The minimum distance for a buffer zone from the touch line or goal line is 3 metres, with the exception of the touch line on which side the Technical Area is located, which must extend five (5) metres to allow for the Team Benches.
- vi. The benches in the Technical Area may be set back into the perimeter fence, resulting in the seating being in-line with the perimeter fence (i.e. 3m buffer zone) and the back of the bench extending 2 metres beyond the perimeter fence.

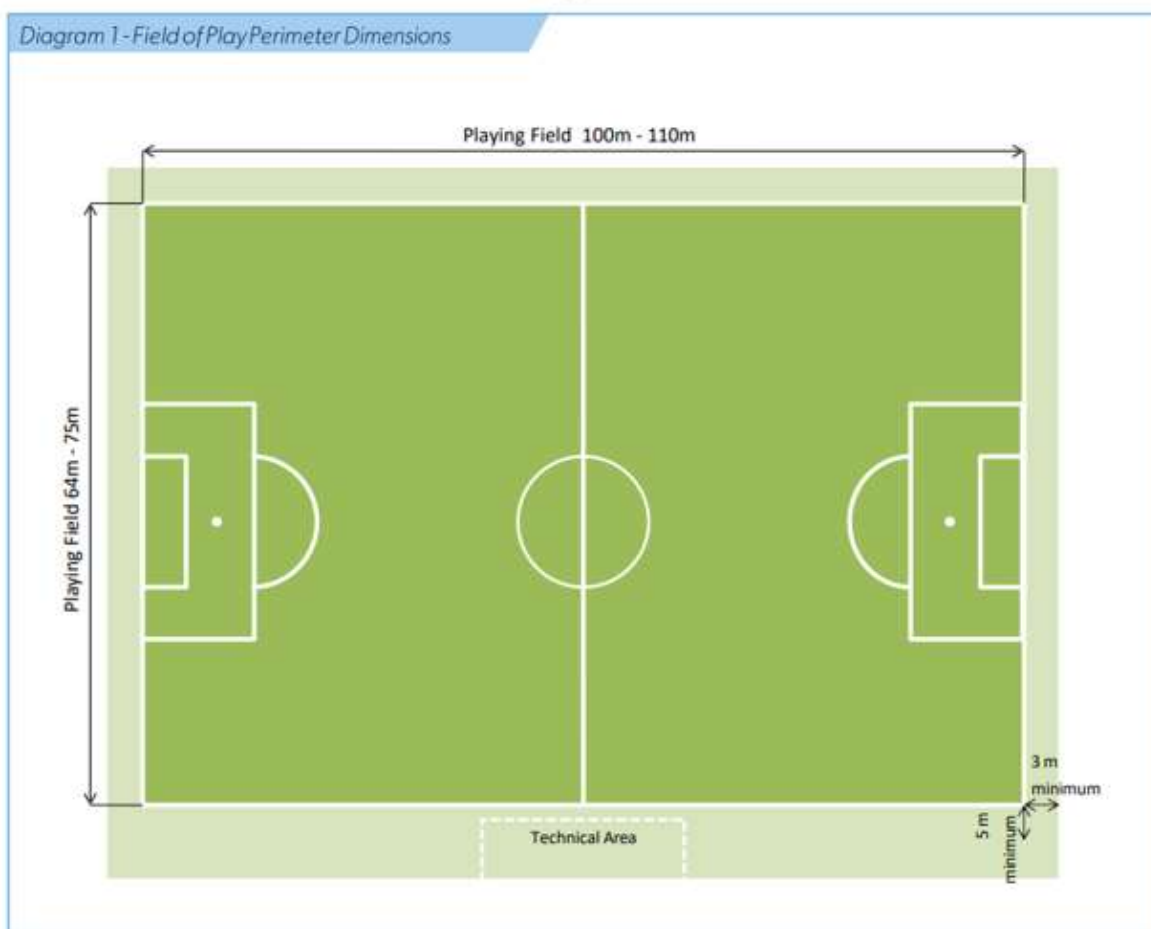


Diagram 2 - Infield Dimensions



b. Mixed Junior Development League (MJDL) and Girls' Junior Development League (GJDL).

- i. Participating Clubs will be required to adhere to the MiniRoos preferred field dimensions during the MJDL and GJDL game phase, specifically;

CATEGORY	U9	U10	U11	U12
Field Size	Length: 45m – 50m Width: 35m – 40m	Length: 55m – 65m Width: 35m – 40m	Length: 55m – 65m Width: 35m – 40m	Length: 60m – 70m Width: 40m – 50m
Penalty Area	Depth: 5m Width: 12m	Depth: 10m Width: 20m	Depth: 10m Width: 20m	Depth: 10m Width: 20m
Goal size	Height: 2m Width: 3m	Height: 2m Width: 5m	Height: 2m Width: 5m	Height: 2m Width: 5m
Goal type	Portable Goals	Portable Goals	Portable Goals	Portable Goals

- ii. Participating GJDL Clubs will be required to adhere to the preferred field dimensions during the GJDL game phase, specifically;

CATEGORY	U10	U11	U12	U13
Field Size	Length: 55m – 65m Width: 35m – 40m	Length: 55m – 65m Width: 35m – 40m	Length: 60m – 70m Width: 40m – 50m	Length: 60m – 70m Width: 40m – 50m
Exclusion Zone (similar to 25m rule)	10m from goal line	10m from goal line	10m from goal line	10m from goal line
Penalty Area	Depth: 5m Width: 12m	Depth: 10m Width: 20m	Depth: 10m Width: 20m	Depth: 10m Width: 20m
Goal size	Height: 2m Width: 5m	Height: 2m Width: 5m	Height: 2m Width: 5m	Height: 2m Width: 5m
Goal type	Portable Goals	Portable Goals	Portable Goals	Portable Goals

- iii. Approved, safe portable goals must be used. Poles and markers cannot be used as goals.
- iv. Field marking can be delivered by markers, traditional line marking, or a combination of both.

- c. Following is the preferred field orientation for each age group:
- Please click the following Football NSW JDL Game Leader Handbook for playing formats located on page 6-11 ([click here](#))

2. PLAYING SURFACE

- a. The playing surface must be even and flat with complete coverage of grass and comply with the laws of the game.

Either natural playing surface (100% natural grass), reinforced natural grass (hybrid) or FIFA Quality approved synthetic grass pitches may be used.

- b. The surface must be free of potholes, foreign objects, and protrusions of any kind through the surface, or any deviations that could be hazardous to players or officials as they move across the surface. The field should have underground drainage to allow play during rain and periods of extended rainfall.
- c. The surface must be green and the line markings white.
- d. The maximum slope allowable shall not exceed an even gradient of vertical to horizontal 1: 41 in any direction.
- e. Artificial turf grass pitches must hold a current FIFA QUALITY certification, which can only be delivered after the turf in question has been assessed by a FIFA-accredited laboratory and confirmed as meeting the latest FIFA standards.

- <https://www.fifa.com/technical/football-technology/resource-hub>

Note: Re-testing of artificial turf grass should occur every 3 years and venues must hold a current certification for the duration of the current playing season. If expiration occurs during the season, it is the club's responsibility to organise re-certification through relevant parties (Council/Contractor). Failure to provide a valid certificate or project plan of upgrading the synthetic pitch could render the field non-compliant for the season. The following organisations provide certification and re-certification in Australia:

- <https://acoustoscan.com.au/australia/>
- <https://labosport.com/>

- f. Cricket pitches of any type will not be permitted in the competitions unless otherwise permitted by Football NSW Competitions Department.

3. LINE MARKINGS

- a. The Field of Play must be rectangular and marked with lines. The longer lines are called touch lines, the shorter lines are called goal lines.
- b. Line markings must be in accordance with the Field of Play Dimensions, not exceed 12 centimetres in width as per FIFA Laws of the Game and be clear and accurate.
- c. Clubs are responsible to ensure that only substances that will not harm users or damage turf grasses are used for line marking.
- d. No extraneous markings may be present on the pitch such as club logos and sponsors.

4. CORNER AND HALFWAY FLAGS

- a. Corner flags are compulsory and are required at the junction of the touch line and goal line on every Field.
- b. Halfway flags are optional and should be located no less than 1 metre off the touch line directly in line with halfway.
- c. Flag posts are to be no less than 1.5 metres high and adhere to the requirements listed in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

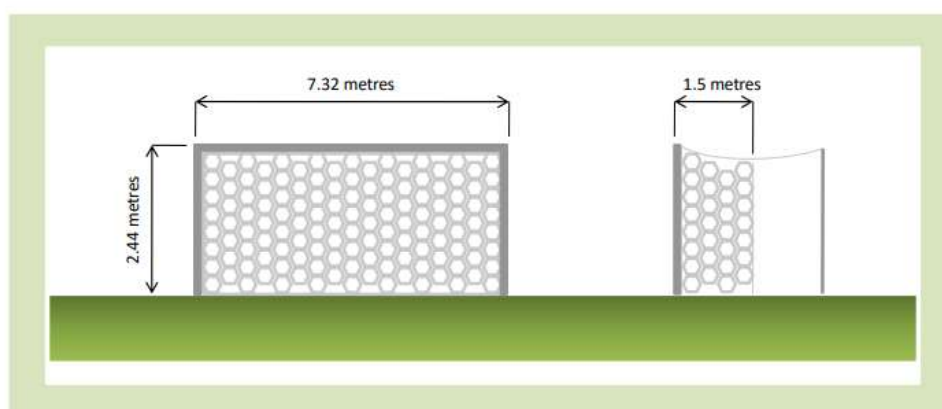
5. GOALS POSTS

- a. Goal posts must be white in colour, made of aluminium or a similar material, round and not pose any danger to players.

- b. Goal posts must comply with the Laws of the Game, which means that:
 - i. The distance between the inside of the posts must be 7.32m;
 - ii. The distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be 2.44m;
 - iii. The goal posts and the crossbar must have the same width and depth, which must not exceed 12cm;
 - iv. The goals must be firmly secured to the ground.
- c. Securely fixed goal posts must meet FIFA regulations and are in accordance with the Football NSW Goal Post Safety Policy and Australian Standards – [click here](#)
- d. Goal nets must be attached to the posts and ground behind the goals in a manner that conforms to Australian Standards and does not obstruct the goalkeeper in any way.
- e. Portable goals for senior competitions must be approved by FNSW and a Safety Compliance Form completed annually. Portable goals must comply with AS 4866.1 – 2007 which includes labelling and testing.
- f. Portable goal posts may be used when a reduced size field is required in Youth Age Grades to benefit player development. When not in use, portable goal posts must be stored safely in a secure location or chained appropriately to a fixed and non-moveable object.

Portable goal posts are not permitted within the pitch perimeter fence for storage or any other purpose when a full field match is taking place. Should a Club be found to have breached this article, a fine of \$250 will be imposed on that Club for a first offence in the football season. All subsequent offences in that season will attract a fine of \$500. Dual purpose goal posts are deemed not to have met FIFA criteria and are therefore not permitted for use in any of the Competitions.

Diagram 4- Goal Post Dimensions

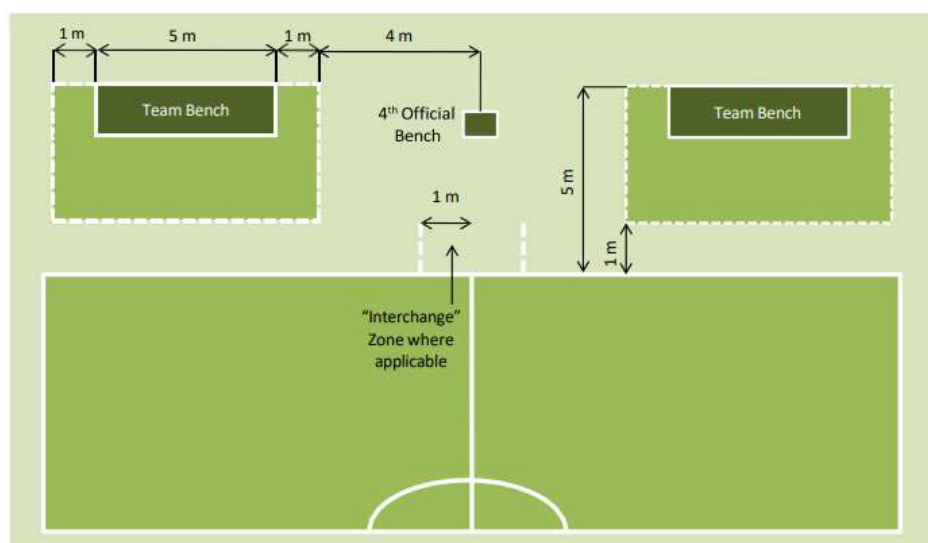


6. TECHNICAL AREA

A Technical Area must be line marked as per the dimensions in Diagram 6. The Technical Area must:

- a. Be marked for each team on opposite side of the halfway line, on the same side of the field.
- b. The Technical Area should be capable of seating the required number of people in accordance with the FNSW Competitions Regulations. Unless otherwise permitted by Football NSW Competitions Department, provide cover to protect the players and officials from the elements and missiles thrown by spectators.
- c. Provide fixed seating in the team benches.
- d. Provide identical fixtures for both Teams.
- e. Contain a table and chair for the 4th Official (should a 4th Official be appointed to any match)

Diagram 5 - Technical Area line marking and dimensions



7. RETURN SUBSTITUTIONS (INTERCHANGE) ZONE

- A return Substitutions (interchange) Zone must be marked for all Competitions where unlimited return substitutions (interchange) apply.
- The return substitutions (interchange) Zone may form part of the pitch marking or may be identified with cones.
- The return substitutions (interchange) Zone will commence 1 metre either side of the touchline from the halfway line and extend one (1) metre from the Field of Play.

8. PITCH PERIMETER FENCE

There must be a Perimeter Fence surrounding the entire Field of Play. The Perimeter Fence must:

- Be located the required distance from the touch line and goal line as defined in the Field of Play Dimensions
- Be at least one (1) metre in height.
- Must be constructed of substantial material (i.e. cyclone wire). Plastic mesh and /or rope fences will not be permitted.
- Advertising signs, where installed on perimeter fencing, are to be properly secured in a manner that will not cause injury to Players or Officials.

SECTION 4: PLAYER AND REFEREE FACILITIES

1. PLAYER DRESSING ROOMS

- a. Separate Dressing Rooms located near to the field, must be provided for the home and the visiting Team.
- b. Each of the home and visiting Team Player Dressing Rooms must;
 - i. Be permanent structures;
 - ii. Be well ventilated;
 - iii. Be able to seat 16 people comfortably;
 - iv. Be lockable;
 - v. Have a minimum of two (2) showers with hot and cold water;
 - vi. Have a minimum of one (1) toilet;
 - vii. Have at least one (1) hand wash basin;
 - viii. Have a power point;
 - ix. Have one (1) physiotherapy/massage table;
- c. Player Dressing Rooms and the associated facilities are to be maintained in a clean and workable condition and be checked immediately prior to each match day.

2. REFEREE DRESSING ROOMS

- a. A separate Dressing Room located near to the field, must be provided for the Referees.
- b. The Referee Dressing Rooms must;
 - i. Be a permanent structure;
 - ii. Be well ventilated;
 - iii. Be able to seat five (5) people comfortably;
 - iv. Be lockable;
 - v. Have a minimum of one (1) shower with hot and cold water;
 - vi. Have a minimum of one (1) toilet;
 - vii. Have at least one (1) hand wash basin;
 - viii. Have a power point.
- c. The Referee Dressing Room and the associated facilities are to be maintained in a clean and workable condition and be checked immediately prior to each match day.

Note: Provision should be made for separate dressing rooms for male and female match officials. Where new dressing rooms are being constructed or existing ones are being re-designed, separate purpose-built facilities for male and female match officials are recommended.

3. WARM-UP AREA

- a. A Warm-up Area must be provided. The Warm-up Area must;
- b. Be in close proximity to the Player Dressing Rooms and Field of Play
- c. Be completely covered with natural grass or artificial grass
- d. Be free of any obstructions, foreign objects, potholes, or any deviations that could be hazardous to players or officials as they move across the surface.

4. PLAYERS RACE

- a. The following table indicates a Players Race requirement for Football NSW competitions. For clubs unable to meet the below requirements, dispensation can be discussed with the Football NSW Competitions Department

Competition	Players Race
National Premier Leagues NSW Men's	Must provide
Football NSW League One Men's	Must provide
Football NSW League Two Men's	Recommended
National Premier Leagues NSW Women's	Must provide
Football NSW League One Women's	Recommended
Youth Competitions	Not required

- b. The Player's Race must;
- Provide direct and exclusive access for Players and Referees from their Dressing Rooms to the Field of Play
 - Be constructed from heavy duty material
 - Be free from obstruction
 - At no point should spectators be able to access the Player's Race.
- c. At Stadiums with a Player's Race, access to the Field of Play can only be made via the Player's Race. The only exception to this rule is for Emergency Services, Ground Maintenance staff and Pre-match or Half time entertainers who may access the Field of Play via a separate entrance.

SECTION 5: LIGHTING

1. FIELD OF PLAY LIGHTING

The following recommendations indicate the field of play must have a maintained average minimum horizontal floodlighting luminance to play night fixtures within each of the Football NSW Leagues.

Competition	Floodlighting Capacity
National Premier Leagues NSW Men's	Minimum 200 LUX
Football NSW League One Men's	Minimum 200 LUX
Football NSW League Two Men's	Minimum 200 LUX
National Premier Leagues NSW Women's	Minimum 200 LUX
Football NSW League One Women's	Minimum 200 LUX
Youth Competitions	Recommended 200 LUX, minimum 100 LUX

- Stadiums used in all other Competitions will only require the minimum 200 lux standard should they nominate to play night matches.
- Portable lighting will not be permitted to bring the LUX rating up to 200.
- The lux values must be assessed every three years by an approved sports field lighting consultant. Floodlights must be re-tested after any significant alterations. Lux certificates must be provided upon request.
- Clubs participating in the Waratah Cup and Australia Cup Preliminary Round fixtures under lights must ensure that the facility lighting complies with the following:

2. WARM-UP AREA LIGHTING

- The Warmup areas of venues that are hosting night competition must have a minimum maintained average horizontal illumination of 50 lux.

3. STADIUM LIGHTING

- At all Stadiums which host night fixtures, general lighting to seating and pedestrian pathways must be provided.
- General lighting must conform to all applicable safety standards.
- It is the Club's responsibility to ensure the Stadium lighting, including emergency lighting in case of loss of power or evacuation, meets the required standards.

SECTION 6: SPECTATOR FACILITIES

1. CANTEEN

- a. Every Stadium must have a canteen. The canteen facility must;
- Be maintained and operated in a clean condition that meets Local Government Standards and Health Regulations
 - Have available goods to satisfy the needs of spectators, including a variety of food and drinks.
 - At a minimum be in operation from 30 minutes prior to the first match until 15 minutes prior to the final whistle of the last match at the Stadium on any given match day.

2. SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

- a. The following conditions will apply to Clubs seeking permission to sell alcoholic beverages at fixtures under the auspices of FNSW:
- The Club must obtain a licence as required under the Liquor Licensing Act and supply to FNSW a copy of the licence.
 - The point of sale must be separate to other food or beverage, and to which minors are restricted.
 - Consumption must be restricted to an area that is not in the vicinity of the player's race or team benches.
 - Under no circumstances must alcohol be served to people who are intoxicated
 - Alcohol cannot be sold in any closed glass or plastic bottles, aluminium cans, or any other type of closed container.
 - No Club is entitled to sell alcohol, or to allow it to be consumed at their ground without the consent, in writing, of FNSW.
 - The sale, provision or consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any Youth League fixture under the control of FNSW.
 - No Club may permit the sale or consumption of alcohol at their ground where the conditions listed above have not been met in their entirety.
 - Clubs are obligated to adhere to all items above regardless of any conflicting allowance granted within the liquor License.
- b. Failure to comply with the above regulations will render the following penalty:
- 1st Offence - \$1000 Fine (maximum)
 - 2nd and 3rd Offence in the same season as the 1st Offence - \$500 fine (minimum) and \$3000 fine (maximum)

3. SEATING

- a. The following is the minimum Covered and Open-Air Seating requirements for Stadiums in Football NSW Competitions;

COMPETITION	SEATING REQUIREMENTS
National Premier League NSW Men's	MUST have a minimum of 500 spectator seating of which at least 250 must be under cover
National Premier League NSW Women's	MUST have a minimum of 500 spectator seating of which at least 250 must be under cover
Football NSW League One Men's	MUST have a minimum of 300 spectator seating of which there is no minimum requirement for under cover seating. We recommend this league meet the requirements of the NPL NSW Men's competition due to potential promotion.
Football NSW League Two Men's	Recommended minimum of 300 spectator seating of which no minimum requirement for under cover seating.

Football NSW League One Women's	Recommended minimum of 300 spectator seating of which no minimum requirement for under cover seating.
Junior leagues	No requirement

- b. Clubs may submit a formal request for dispensation from specific regulations. All such requests must be submitted in writing and will be subject to review and approval by the Football NSW Competitions Department.
- c. Under cover seating is defined as seating in a sheltered, purpose-built covered Grandstand constructed of a material which protects spectators from the elements, or a private box or room enclosed by glass.
- d. Seating can be either bench or individual bucket style.
- e. In calculating the numbers of spectators a bench seat accommodates, the equation of two (2) people to every one (1) metre of bench seating is to be used.
- f. All seating must be elevated and tiered.
- g. Football NSW will take into consideration Stadiums with capacity in excess of the minimum standard when determining locations for the Championships Series of each respective League.

4. DISABLED SEATING

- a. Dedicated seating must be made available for disabled spectators. Disabled seating must:
- b. Provide easy access to the car park and / or main entrance.
- c. Provide easy access to disabled toilet facilities.
- d. Provide an unobstructed view of the field of play.
- e. Provide protection from the elements.

5. TOILETS

- a. Adequate public toilet facilities must be available for male, female, and disabled spectators. It is the home Club's responsibility to ensure the toilets, washrooms and washroom products are maintained in a good and clean condition, especially on match days.
- b. The NSW Government provides the following guidelines for the number of toilets required at an event. [Click here to see the number of toilets that are required for events where alcohol is made available and not available.](#)

SECTION 7: MEDIA FACILITIES

1. COMMENTATOR / MEDIA BOX

All Stadiums used for National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's must have a Commentator/Media Box. The Box must;

- a. Be in the main grandstand.
- b. Have seating with a writing surface for at least two (2) media personnel.
- c. Have a clear and unobstructed view of the Field of Play
- d. Provide power access to all media personnel.

If a permanent commentator box is not provided at the Stadium, a temporary solution is acceptable. It is recommended that the temporary commentator box is co-located with the broadcast camera and must be covered.

All Stadiums used for Leagues below the National Premier League are not required to have a Commentator/Press Box, but it is strongly recommended that venues provide space for media personnel.

2. BROADCAST CAMERA POSITIONS

- a. All Stadiums used for National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's must provide Broadcast Camera positions.
- b. Broadcast Camera Positions may be provided by either;
 - i. Permanent camera platforms positioned in or on the main grandstand.
 - ii. Temporary camera positions positioned on the opposite side to the grandstand.
 - iii. The positions listed in i) and ii) must be located at halfway of the field and in an elevated position offering an unobstructed view of the field of play.
 - iv. Should either i) or ii) not be provided, a position to locate a Broadcast Van must be identified. The area for the Broadcast Van must be at halfway along one of the touchlines, outside the perimeter fence, providing an unobstructed view of the field of play for the camera operator.
 - v. Minimum height of 1.5m (recommended height is 4.3m or 2 storeys).
 - vi. Minimum distance from the sideline and any other object is 3m.
 - vii. Filming platform must have adequate shelter to keep filming equipment and personnel protected from weather.
 - viii. Clubs should ensure they adhere to the [2026 Equipment, Commercial and Media Regulations](#) and in particular section 4 Media Regulations, articles 10 (Broadcast of Matches), 11 (Broadcast Camera Platforms) and 12 (Filming of Matches) which includes placement of club camera's for technical analysis.

SECTION 8: MEDICAL FACILITIES

1. MEDICAL ROOM

- a. Each Stadium used in the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's must have a dedicated Medical Room equipped with a physiotherapy / massage table.
- b. The Medical room must be a permanent structure within or directly beside the grandstand or Player Dressing rooms.
- c. Each Stadium used in all other Competitions must have an undercover treatment area equipped with a physiotherapy / massage table. This criterion can be fulfilled with temporary or permanent structures.
- d. Physiotherapy / massage tables are not permitted to be positioned within the technical area or pitch perimeter fencing on match day.
- e. An operational Automated External Defibrillator (AED) must be provided at all venues hosting Football NSW competitions.

2. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- a. Each Stadium must provide basic Medical Supplies.
- b. Basic Medical Supplies are defined as the contents of a general purpose First Aid Kit and must comply with Australian Standards.

3. STRETCHERS

- a. Each Stadium must have one (1) first aid stretcher available for every match.
- b. The stretcher must be placed inside the pitch perimeter fence near the halfway line in a safe and accessible location prior to the commencement of each match.
- c. Clubs must ensure that their stretcher complies with all applicable Standards.

4. DOPING CONTROL ROOM

- a. In the event that Doping Control is conducted, the Medical Room is to be made exclusively available to the Doping Control Officers.
- b. In the event a Medical Room does not meet the Doping Control Officers requirements, another room must be made available from the Club House, Player Dressing Rooms or Referee Dressing Room that satisfies the Doping Control Officers requirements.

SECTION 9: OTHER STADIUM FACILITIES

1. SCOREBOARD

- a. With the exception of Stadiums used for the Mixed Junior Development League and the Girls' Junior Development League, an elevated Scoreboard is required.
- b. The scoreboard must be visible from all areas of the Stadium.
- c. The scoreboard must indicate the names of both competing Teams and scoreline. The words "home" and "visitors" will not be acceptable.

2. PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

- a. A Public Address System is required at all Stadiums.
- b. Sufficient speakers must be installed to ensure messages are heard clearly at all sections of the Stadium.
- c. The Public Address System must be capable of spoken announcements and playing of audio sounds.

3. SUBSTITUTE BOARDS

With the Exception of the competitions with Return Substitutions (Interchange), Substitution Boards must be provided by the Home Team for all matches.