
Football SA 2024 Competition Regulations

Summary of Changes – *Girls and Women’s Operations Regulations*

Clause	Amendment	Purpose
Throughout	Change Team sheet to match sheet.	Consistency of language used in dribl.
Under 12/13	Match Ball Size to Size 4	Consistency with national regulations.
Definitions	Define structure of leagues i.e. red, blue, purple.	Provide clarification to higher grades.
Definitions	Add: Pre-season competition, not official competition. Membership applications – move as a rule as per junior boys.	Provide clarification that the pre-season competition is not official for the purposes of match statistics. Moved to Rule 5.(3).
Field Dimension	WNPL – from 2025 field dimensions, no less than 100m by 60m.	Provide consistency with NPL competitions and Australia Cup for first grade competitions.

Flood lighting (WNPL/WSL)	Updated Australian Standards	To reflect new Australian Standards.
Coaching (throughout)	Coach licence naming conventions update per Football Australia Update	Senior Certificate / Skill Training Certificate -> Foundation of Football Certificate AFC C Licence -> C Diploma AFC B Licence -> B Diploma AFC A Licence -> A Diploma

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Signage and logos	Refer to brand guidelines	Simplify the regulations to follow the document distributed each season.
Women's State League Senior Teams	Include Reserves	In-line with the implementation of a Reserve competition for the Women's State League.
WSL Coaching Accred	From 2025 – minimum coaching requirement C Diploma Reserves – Foundation of Football Certificate	Increase the level of coaching accreditation for the Women's State League in alignment with Senior Men's Competitions.

1. (5)	Season passes are not transferrable and are allocated <i>by</i> Football SA.	Add the word 'by'.
2.(3)	Remove clause.	Not all WNPL matches are played at Football SA venues on Friday nights.
2. (10)	Include Under 12 competition (30 min halves)	Inclusion of Under 12 competition for 2024 season.
3.(9)	Remove clause	In alignment with national regulations.
5.	Add Under 12's and Under 10's competition.	To include expansion of junior leagues for 2024.
7.(1)	Amendment to include Under 12's.	The competition will allow for Under 12 competitions from 2024.

<p>8. 2)</p> <p>3) i.</p> <p>ii.</p>	<p>Moves into 8.1)</p> <p>Remove 8.2)</p> <p>Amend any given round, the most recent match sheet.</p> <p>Include WSL.</p>	<p>Following introduction of Women's State League Reserves league, movement of player rules will align with WNPL.</p> <p>Provide greater clarity in wording of rule.</p>
<p>10. (1)</p>	<p>Include WSL for substitutions</p>	<p>To incorporate the change from interchange to substitutes for the Women's State League.</p>
<p>19(1)</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(3)</p>	<p>Any appointed Match Official shall be responsible for reporting the result of each match, the goal scorers and any other information that may be required by Football SA.</p> <p>The result of all matches must be submitted online in the Football SA Competition Management System by the home club. Where no match official is present, the home club must submit the results and statistics no later than one (1) hour post completion of the match.</p> <p>If a club dispute any of the match information on Dribl, they must submit a dispute on Dribl with reasons. Any dispute must be submitted no later than 48 hours of the scheduled kick-off. Football SA will review all submitted disputes and make determination in its sole and absolute discretion.</p>	<p>Amendment made as all appointed match officials must complete all match day statistical information.</p> <p>All match information is to be completed by the HOME team no later than one (1) hour after the completion of the match.</p> <p>Provide clarity relating to the process for match day information disputes.</p>
<p>20.</p>	<p>Include Under 12</p>	

25.(2)	15 minute whistle-to-whistle interval.	Provide consistency with all Senior competitions.
36(e)	New subclause: Once a player has played in the girls cup competition, they are not permitted to play in the boys cup competition. Once a player has played in the boys cup competition, they are not permitted to play in the girls cup competition.	Provide clarity for players which participate across both boys and girls competitions.
38.(1)	Include WSL	To reflect WSL competition utilising substitutes from the 2024 Season.
43. (2)	If a WNPL or WSL First Team forfeits a cup match, three (3) competition points will be deducted from the league table.	Season 2023 experienced many forfeits by Senior Teams in the cup competition. This rule amendment will discourage teams from forfeiting cup matches.
Scale of penalties throughout	Include WSL with WNPL	WSL not previously listed.

Scale of penalties	Forfeit of match WNPL Level 5 fine WNPL Reserves Level 4 WSL Level 4 WSL Reserve Level 3	Increase penalty due to number of forfeits in cup competitions.
(8)(c)	Penalty for playing a registered and eligible player, not named on a team sheet, has been reduced to a fine for the first offence, forfeit for any subsequent offence.	Multiple forfeits applied throughout the 2023 season were a result of administration error and did not provide any unfair competitive advantage. Multiple forfeits for administration errors can affect the integrity of the competition and it is agreed results on the field should stand where no competition advantage is gained.
(15) (16)	WNPL/WSL \$500 Community/Juniors \$250 Add Senior Team withdrawals	