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Venue Requirements

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SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATION, SCOPE AND BREACH



1. Scope and Application

These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions unless stated otherwise:

- National Premier Leagues (Men's and Women's)
- State Leagues (Men's 1 & 2, Women's)
- Community and Junior Competitions
- Cup Competitions
- Any other competition under the auspices of Football SA.

Reference to a Club also refers to clubs that participate in Affiliated Association competitions.

2. Venue Non-Compliance

Where a venue does not meet the criteria as outlined in the Competition Minimum Requirements or Competition Rules and Regulations or where a Club does not complete a schedule of work within the timeframe specified to bring the venue up to the required criteria, Football SA will implement one or more of the following:

- The Club will nominate an alternative venue that does meet the criteria; or
- All or part of the Club's matches will be played at the opponent's venue where available; or
- Football SA will nominate an alternative venue for the Club's matches; or
- The Club may be removed from the competition and placed, where possible, in a competition where their venue meets the required criteria.

3. Exemption

Football SA may grant an exemption to a Club in the process of upgrading their facility that currently does not meet the required venue criteria. Any exemption provided will be valid for that upcoming Season only.

To request an exemption, a club is required to complete the Venue Exemption Form and submit it to Football SA prior to the generation of fixtures, for that season.

Should the required upgrades not be completed within the stipulated timeframe, one or more of the following may be undertaken:

- The Club will nominate a venue that does meet the criteria; or
- Football SA will nominate an alternative venue for the Club's matches; or
- The Club may be removed from the competition and placed, where possible, in a competition where their venue meets the criteria.

Football SA may permit the temporary use of a non-compliant venue in order to complete fixtures in a

timely manner. Such action may be undertaken where the scheduling of games is not possible at a compliant venue for reasons out of the control of the club, such as extreme weather conditions. Any such decision is at the sole and absolute discretion of Football SA.

4. Venue Inspection

From time-to-time Football SA may undertake a venue inspection on any club affiliated to Football SA to ensure the venue meets competition requirements. Football SA will provide a report on completion of the inspection including outlining any upgrades the club is required to complete to ensure the venue is compliant.

SECTION 2: ACCESS, SAFETY AND SECURITY



1. Responsibility

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

2. Enclosed Venues

Clubs that participate in the Men's and Women's National Premier League and State League 1 must have an enclosed venue.

The fence surrounding the venue must be a minimum 1.8 meters in height, constructed of solid materials without gaps or faults that could provide unauthorised entry or could cause injury and provided controlled access and exits from the venue.

3. Prohibited Items and Terms of Admission

- All Clubs are required to comply with the [FA National Code of Conduct and Ethics](#)
- The following items are prohibited at all venues:
 - Flares;
 - Fireworks;
 - Other flammable objects;
 - Loudhailers;
 - Instruments prohibited by law;
 - Anything of any nature that does not positively reflect the image of the Club, Association, Football SA or the game in general.
- Should a person associated with a club be found to have breached this clause, penalties are outlined in the [Football SA Disciplinary and Judicial Body Regulations](#).
- It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that its supporters (at both home and away matches) are aware of the Prohibited Items and reasonable steps are taken to prohibit any such items from coming into a venue. [Terms of admission](#) must be displayed at all entry areas of all clubs.
- Football SA or any Football SA appointed official, or club official may request the

immediate removal of any Prohibited Item.

- All venues are required to display the [Terms of Admission and Spectator Code of Conduct](#).
- Failure of Individuals, Clubs and associations to comply with the Prohibited Items, Code of Conduct and Terms of Admission requirement may result in further action being taken by Football SA.

4. Emergency Exit Plan

All venues that are enclosed 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 areas in the venue.

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 venues that are required to have enclosed fencing, all access points must be staffed by appropriate personnel (i.e. Club Officials or Security) and have an identified area on entry to the venue in which to conduct bag checks.

7. Emergency Services Access

The venue must enable Emergency Service vehicles to gain direct access into the Venue and on to the Field of Play.

8. Fire Prevention

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

9. Smoking and Drinking

All Football SA venues are designated smoke free. It is the responsibility of the venue management, hirer and/or club personnel to police and enforce this requirement.

Serving of alcohol must be in accordance with the venues liquor license regulations. Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be placed in plastic cups. A designated alcohol-free zone is to be provided.

10. Risk Assessment

Football SA may from time to time, due to actual or perceived spectator behaviour, require Clubs to submit a Risk Assessment for any match played at their home venue.

The Risk Assessment must at minimum consider and include the following:

- a) Projected crowd figures;
- b) Minimum security requirements for the game including number of security personnel and/or ground stewards;
- c) Venue Access points for players, officials, spectators, media etc.;
- d) Spectator flow into and out of the venue;
- e) Access for Emergency Services;
- f) Signposting of entry and exit points;
- g) Emergency Exit Plan.

11. Restricted Access Areas

Clubs are required to implement Restricted Access to the following areas on game day;

- a) Changing Rooms for Players and Team Officials only;

- b) Referees' Changing Rooms for Match Officials only;
- c) Players Race (where required) for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security (including Ground Stewards) Personnel, Emergency Services and Home Club or Hosting Club Officials only;
- d) Field of Play for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security (including Ground Stewards) Personnel, Emergency Services and registered photographers only.

In addition to the above, Clubs in the National Premier League and where applicable, Women's National Premier League, are required to implement a Restricted Access to the Media Area and PA Area.

- a) The Media Area is to be restricted to Registered Media, Football SA Appointed Officials and Home Club or Hosting Club Staff.
- b) The PA Area is to be restricted to Home Club or Hosting Club Game Day Staff and Football SA Appointed Officials.

All Restricted Access Areas must be clearly labelled indicating the identification, pass or ticket required to access the area.

All Clubs are encouraged to further define restricted access areas to the Venue, for example a function area, to promote a professional environment on match days.

12. Admission Area

Where the venue is enclosed and admission into the venue is controlled, the venue must have a clearly distinguishable Admission Area.

Admission fees are in accordance with the [Football SA Competition Operating Regulations](#).

SECTION 3: FIELD OF PLAY



1. Field of Play Dimensions

The following diagram details the minimum, maximum and compulsory dimensions for Field of Play markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game. All fields used in Football SA Competitions must conform to these dimensions.

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 - i. The minimum and maximum dimensions of a field are:
 - Length – Minimum 90m, Maximum 120m
 - Width - Minimum 45m, Maximum 90m
 - ii. National Premier Leagues Men's and Womens must conform to the below allowable dimensions:
 - Length – Minimum 100m, Maximum 120m
 - Width - Minimum 60m, Maximum 90m
 - iii. There must be a buffer zone between the Field of Play line marking and any Advertising Boards or Perimeter Fence. The minimum distance from the touch line or goal line is 2 metres.
 - iv. The Technical Area must be a minimum of 1 metre in distance from the touch line.

2. Playing Surface

The Playing Surface must be even and flat with a complete coverage of grass, where possible. Either natural grass or FIFA approved artificial grass pitches may be used.

The surface must be free of potholes or any kind of abnormalities that could be hazardous to players or match officials during play. All clubs are strongly encouraged in conjunction with their local council to ensure that there is adequate drainage to the field to allow play during rain and periods of extended rainfall.

3. Line Markings

The Field of Play must be rectangular and marked with lines. The longer lines being touch lines, the shorter lines goal lines.

Line markings must be in accordance with the Field of Play Dimensions, not exceeding 12 cm's in width as per FIFA Laws of the Game and are clear and accurate. The field should be free of other markings, should other markings exist they must be a different colour and clearly distinguishable from the football field markings.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring substances that will not harm users or damage turf grasses are used for line marking. Clubs should also consult their local council.

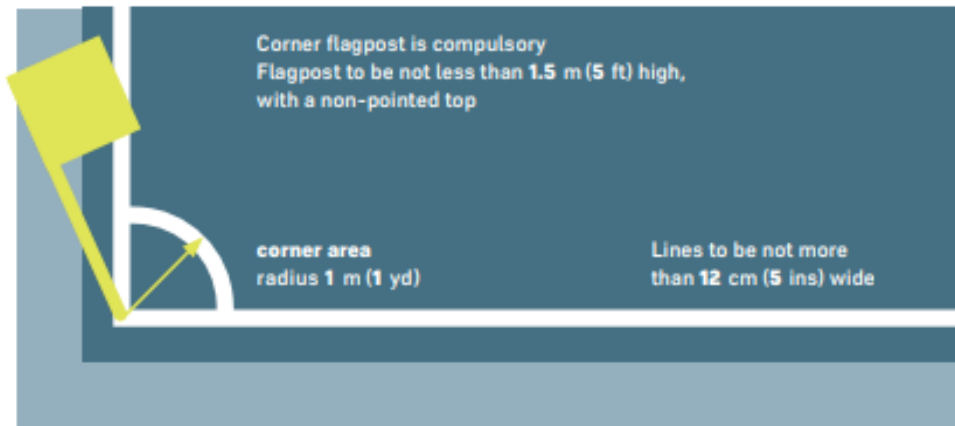


4. Corner and Halfway flags

Corner flags are compulsory and are required at the joint of the touch line and goal line on every field.

Halfway flags are optional and should be located no less than 1 metre off the touch line directly in-line with halfway.

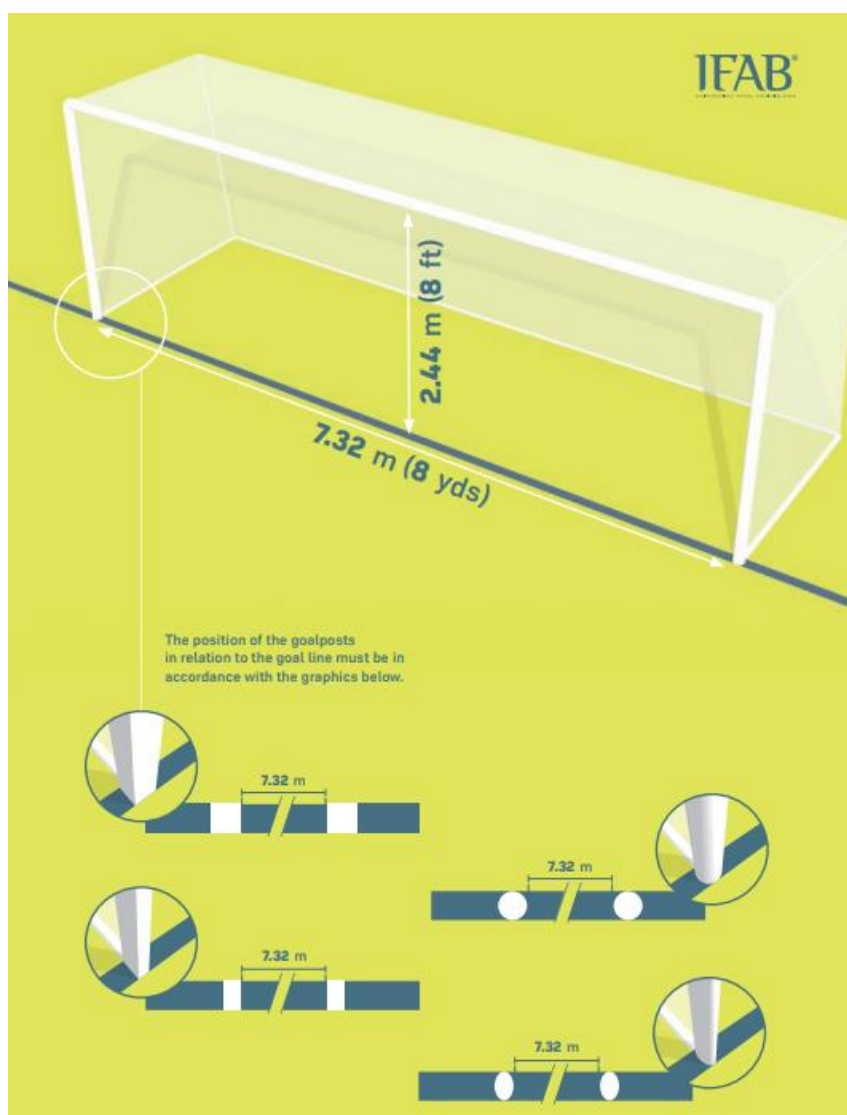
A flag post is to be at least 1.5 meters high, with a non-pointed top and a flag must be placed at each corner. This is in accordance with the requirements listed in the FIFA Laws of the Game.



5. Goal Posts and Goal nets

Permanent and portable goals that meet the Football SA Goal Post Safety Requirements and Australian Standards must be provided.

The goalposts and crossbar must be painted white and must not exceed 12cm, and the goal line must be the same width as the posts.



6. Technical Area

All fields must have marked out Technical Areas. The Technical Areas must provide a minimum of 10 seats and as otherwise specified for Senior Competitions within the Football SA Competitions Operating Regulations.

Technical Areas, where possible, should be located on the opposite side of where the majority of spectators will congregate.

Where a fourth official is appointed to a game, a table and chair may be provided and must be placed a safe distance from the field of play.

7. Interchange Area

An Interchange Area must be marked for all Competitions where unlimited interchange applies. The Interchange Area may form part of the pitch marking or may be identified with cones. The marking is not to be touching the touchline.

The 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 Fence

Where a Pitch Fence is required, in accordance with the minimum requirements of the competition, the Pitch Fence must:

- a) Be located the required distance from the touch line and goal line as defined in the Field of Play. Dimensions, being a minimum of 2 metre from the sideline.
- b) Be at least one (1) metre in height.
- c) Must be constructed of substantial material (i.e. cyclone wire).

Advertising signs, where installed on perimeter fencing, are to be properly secured and be constructed of a material that will not cause injury to Players or Officials.

SECTION 4: PLAYER AND REFEREE FACILITIES



1. **Player Changing Rooms**

Changing facilities for players must be provided in accordance with the relevant competition minimum standards.

Where the competition requirements are silent in the area of changing rooms, the venue must provide a facility where a person may change.

2. **Match Official Rooms**

Changing facilities for match officials must be provided in accordance with the relevant competition minimum standards.

Where the competition requirements are silent in the area of changing rooms, the venue must provide a facility where a person may change and have access to a toilet.

3. **Players Race**

Where a Players Race is required in accordance with the minimum requirements of the competition, the Player's Race must:

- a) Provide direct and exclusive access for Players, Team Officials and Match Officials from their Changing Room to the Field of Play.
- b) Be constructed from heavy duty material.
- c) Be enclosed.

At no stage should any unauthorised person gain access into the Player's Race. The home or host team is responsible for ensuring that the players race is secured, providing access only to those authorised personnel.

SECTION 5: LIGHTING



1. Field of Play Lighting for Games

The Field of Play Lighting requirements for games are in accordance with the specified Australian Standards:

NPL	200 lux with uniformity of 0.6
State Leagues & below	100 lux with uniformity of 0.5

2. Training Area Lighting

The lighting requirements for training is in accordance with the specified Australian Standards:

NPL	100 lux with uniformity of 0.5
State Leagues & below	50 lux with uniformity of 0.3

Please refer to the minimum requirements of the competition and the [Lighting Policy](#).

SECTION 6: SPECTATOR FACILITIES



1. **Canteen and Bar**

The provision of canteen and bar facilities is in accordance with the minimum requirements of the relevant competition. Where the competition requirements are silent in this area, it is recommended that the club provide a facility for the sale of food and non-alcoholic drinks.

The canteen facility must:

- a) Be maintained and operated in a clean condition that meets Local Government Standards and Health Regulations.

2. **Sale and Consumption of Alcohol**

The following conditions must be complied with where alcohol is sold and consumed:

- a) The Club must obtain a license as required under the Liquor Licensing Act;
- b) The point of sale must be separate to other food or beverage, and to which minors are restricted;
- c) Consumption must not occur in the vicinity of the player's race or team benches;
- d) Alcohol consumed outside of a club room must be placed in a plastic cup;
- e) Under no circumstances is alcohol to be served to people who are intoxicated;
- f) A designated dry zone must be established within the venue.

All clubs and affiliated associations that serve alcohol are required to undertake the good sports program, <http://goodsports.com.au/this-is-good-sports/>

3. **Seating**

Seating is to be provided in accordance with the minimum standards of the relevant competition. Where the competition requirements are silent in this area, seating is not required.

4. **Toilets**

Adequate public toilet facilities are to be made available in accordance with legislative requirements.

APPENDIX

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RAA NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 100m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 60m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces. All synthetic pitches must maintain and provide their updated certification.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Field Fence	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	Football SA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is not compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be compliant prior to further use.
Player's Race	A player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons. Non -Compliance – (Refer to FSA Competition Regs for details relating to fines) A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. B. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s: a. First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. b. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. c. Subsequent offences referred to Disciplinary Hearing.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for at least 14 people. 7 subs and 7 staff for Senior matches; 7 subs and 5 staff for Reserve matches, 5 subs and 5 staff for Under 18 matches.	All team officials for all Senior grades (Under 18, Reserves and Under 18) are required to wear the accreditation provided by Football SA at all times.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Changing Rooms	<p>Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 20 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. 2 toilets that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Trainers Table. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard and pens • Power Points • Fridge or esky with ice <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Changing Room	<p>Allocation of a changing room that comfortably accommodates up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate changing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Private shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Private toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing. Sanitary bins Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Points • Fridge or esky with ice <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Floodlighting	<p>Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2:2021, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play senior fixtures, the field floodlighting must be a minimum of 200 lux with a uniformity of 0.6.</p> <p>For Under 18 and Reserve Grade fixtures to be conducted as night games the minimum floodlighting requirements is 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football SA verifying the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.</p> <p>A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide Football SA a new lighting certificate prior to Football SA sanctioning of games.</p>
Medical Room and Equipment	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.

A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.

B. Football SA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.

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SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.		
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have a admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by Football SA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	A media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is required to be provided at each venue.	Preference is for the media area to be a scaffold where possible, with a minimum elevation height of two and a half (2.5) metres for livestreaming purposes. Any erected scaffold must be certified with Council and must be lockable and secure.
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team and match time clock), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	
Seating Capacity	Seating for 200 people.	Recommended that the seating is undercover.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue.	Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male, female and disabled public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue per legislative requirements.	

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MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Medical Room	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition. Preference for the medical room to be accessible for public without having to gain entry through a players race.
Medical Equipment	Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel. All clubs must have a defibrillator installed and maintained at their venue as per legislative requirements.	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	Each club is to provide space for Football SA signs to be displayed at all home venues on the half way line and behind the goals.	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
Playing Strip Logos	Football SA will provide updated official Playing Strip Guidelines ahead of each season which is required to be adhered to.	

Non-Compliance

Football SA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to the Football SA Competitions Operating Regulations for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence | A level 3 fine |
| B. Second Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points |

Women's National Premier League

Minimum Competition Requirements

Football SA Venues will be utilised to conduct the Women's National Premier League. Where games are scheduled away from Football SA venues, the requirements outlined below are to be met.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 100m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 60m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces. All synthetic pitches must maintain and provide their updated certification.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Perimeter Field Fencing	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines must be installed by the conclusion of the license period. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	Football SA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed, and the venue will need to be complaint prior to further use.
Access to Field of Play	A secure access to the field of play must be provided to players and match officials when moving between field of play and changing rooms	It is recommended that a player's race is in place ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the changing room and the field of play. This area must be secured and inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for 14 people, 7 substitutes and 7 team officials.	All team officials are required to wear the accreditation provided by Football SA at all times.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Team Dressing Rooms	<p>There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 20 players and officials at any one time. Private shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. 2 private toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Sanitary bins. Trainers Table. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained and presented in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whiteboard and pens Power Points <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Dressing Room	<p>Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Private shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Private toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing. Sanitary bins Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power Points <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>
Floodlighting	<p>To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5 Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2:2021., Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards. A lighting certificate is valid for 2 years, a new certificate will need to be provided to Football SA following this time period.</p>
Medical Room and Equipment	<p>A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.</p>	<p>All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.</p>

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SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.		
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have an admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by Football SA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	A media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is required to be provided at each venue.	Preference is for the media area to be a scaffold where possible, with a minimum elevation height of two and a half (2.5) metres for livestreaming purposes. Any erected scaffold must be certified with Council and must be lockable and secure.
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team and match time clock), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Seating Capacity	Seating for 200 people.	Recommended that the seating is undercover.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue.	Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.

Toilets	Male, female and disabled public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue per legislative requirements.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.
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MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Medical Room	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition. Preference for the medical room to be accessible for public without having to gain entry through a players race.
Medical Equipment	Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel. All clubs must have a defibrillator installed and maintained at their venue as per legislative requirements.	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	Each club is to provide space for Football SA signs to be displayed at all home venues on the half way line and behind the goals.	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
Playing Strip Logos	Football SA will provide updated official Playing Strip Guidelines ahead of each season which is required to be adhered to.	

Non-Compliance

Football SA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to Football SA Competitions Operating Regulations for details of fines;

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| D. First Offence | A level 2 fine |
| E. Second Offence | A level 2 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| F. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of three competition points |

STATE LEAGUE 1

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game, minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	It is recommended that the Field of Play be a minimum of 100m in length, and 60m in width so that the field is compliant in the event the Club is promoted to NPL.
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces. All synthetic pitches must maintain and provide their updated certification.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Field Fence	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	Football SA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is not compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be compliant prior to further use.
Player's Race	An player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons. Non -Compliance – (Refer to Competition Operating Regs relating to fines) A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. B. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s; a. First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. b. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. Subsequent offences referred to Disciplinary Hearing.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for at least 14 people. 7 subs and 7 staff for Senior matches; 7 subs and 5 staff for Reserve matches, 5 subs and 5 staff for Under 18 matches.	All Teams Officials in the Technical Area must wear their Football SA Accreditation at all times.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Changing Rooms	<p>Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 20 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of three (3) shower heads providing hot and cold water. 2 toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Trainers Table. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be provided in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard and pens • Power Points • Fridge or esky with ice <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Changing Room	<p>Allocation of a changing room that can comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Private shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Private toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing. Sanitary bins Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be provided in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Points • Fridge or esky with ice <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Medical Room and Equipment	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
Floodlighting	Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2:2021, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football SA verifying the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.</p> <p>A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide Football SA a new lighting certificate prior to Football SA sanctioning of games.</p>

A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.

B. Football SA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.

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SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities		
Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.		
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field.	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have an admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by Football SA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	A media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is required to be provided at each venue.	Preference is for the media area to be a scaffold where possible, with a minimum elevation height of two and a half (2.5) metres for livestreaming purposes. Any erected scaffold must be certified with Council and must be lockable and secure.
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Seating Capacity	No requirement	It is preferred that there is seating provided for 200 people and that the seating is covered.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	No requirement.	It is recommended that a fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue is available at all venues. Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male, Female and disabled public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue in accordance with legislative requirements.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

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MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Medical Room	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition. Preference for the medical room to be accessible for public without having to gain entry through a players race.
Medical Equipment	Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel. All clubs must have a defibrillator installed and maintained at their venue as per legislative requirements.	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	Each club is to provide space for Football SA signs to be displayed at all home venues on the half way line and behind the goals.	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
Playing Strip Logos	Football SA will provide updated official Playing Strip Guidelines ahead of each season which is required to be adhered to.	

Non-Compliance

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| B. Second Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points |

STATE LEAGUE TWO & WOMENS STATE LEAGUE

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	It is recommended that the Field of Play be a minimum of 100m in length, and 60m in width so that the field is compliant in the event the Club is promoted to NPL.
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces. All synthetic pitches must maintain and provide their updated certification.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Field Fence	No Requirement	It is recommended that a permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA, fully enclose the field of play and that it is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.
Player's Race	No requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play. The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by <u>spectators and unauthorised persons</u> .
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for at least 14 people. 7 subs and 7 staff for Senior matches; 7 subs and 5 staff for Reserve matches, 5 subs and 5 staff for Under 18 matches.	All Team Officials must wear their playing accreditation in the Technical Area.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Team Dressing Rooms	<p>Separate dressing rooms are required to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 20 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of two (2) shower head providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin. Trainers table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained and provided in a clean condition.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Massage table • Whiteboard • Power points • Fridge or esky with ice <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Dressing Room	<p>Separate changing room to accommodate match officials. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Private shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Private toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Sanitary bins. Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Power points • Fridge or esky with ice <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>
Floodlighting	<p>Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2:2021, Sports Lighting</i> are to be implemented. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards. A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide Football SA a new lighting certificate prior to Football SA sanctioning of games.</p>

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Access and exit to the venue	Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Scoreboard	No Requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a scoreboard, identifying home and away teams and a match clock.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
Toilets	Male, female and disabled public toilets situated in the venue in accordance with legislative requirements.	

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SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
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Ground Signage	Each club is to provide space for Football SA signs to be displayed at all home venues on the half way line and behind the goals.	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
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