



2023 Competition Rules – Batch 2 of 2

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board notes the contents of this briefing note and endorses the 2023 Competition Rules for distribution, subject to approval and endorsement by the Game Development Committee (GDC).

ISSUE

- Football West has reviewed its competition rules for the 2023 season.
- It is proposed that the rules are accepted for the 2023 season for the following:
 - [Annexure 3 – Amateur League and Cups 2023](#)
 - [Annexure 4 – Men’s Senior Sunday Rules 2023](#)
 - [Annexure 6 – Community Junior Rules 2023](#)
 - [Annexure 9 - State Cup Final 2023](#)
 - [Annexure 10 - State Reserves Cup 2023](#)
 - [Annexure 11- State 18s Cup 2023](#)
 - [Long Term Injury Policy 2023](#)

BACKGROUND

- Football West’s Competition Rules are reviewed at the conclusion of each season.
- Input has been sought externally from Standing Committees, Zone Representatives and from the public.
- Input has been obtained internally from those staff members operationally involved in running competitions.
- After consideration and input from management and the working group, the rules underwent external legal and have since been finalised for distribution.
- Given the time constraints, the rules have been sent to the GDC simultaneous to seeking approval by the Board.
- The Competition Rules must be approved by the Board prior to release each season.
- We request that the Board endorses Batch 2 of the 2023 Competition Rules, so they are ready for distribution, subject to endorsement by the GDC.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Draft working versions of the rules are linked below, with changes proposed clearly marked up.
 - [Draft - Annexure 3 – Amateur League and Cups 2023](#)
 - [Draft - Annexure 4 – Men’s Senior Sunday Rules 2023](#)
 - [Draft - Annexure 6 – Community Junior Rules 2023](#)
 - [Draft – Long Term Injury Policy 2023](#)

Draft for Annexures 9, 10 and 11 have not been included, as the only change is that pertaining to **admissions**. I.e., **“Football West reserve the right to charge an admission fee for any matches and competitions at the State Football Centre at a rate determined by Football West.”**



The major changes to the rules put forward for endorsement are outlined below, with reference to the relevant Article.

Annexure 3 - Amateur League and Cups 2023

- Promotion and Relegation into State League (1 Automatic promotion and 1 Play-Off) [A1 and A3]
 - Like State League and NPL Promotion and Relegation., with two teams receiving promotion and two teams receiving relegation.

Annexure 4 - Men's Senior Sunday Competitions

- Grading System introduced for Men's Masters Competition [A15 and A16]
 - This is to ensure teams are placed into Divisions relevant to their competition strength.
- Rules for Over 55s have been included [Part 5, A18]

Annexure 6 – Community Junior Rules 2023

- Introduction of Juniors Girls U13s and U17s (with three, 18 years old female players permitted in competition)
 - The changes come as a result of the Women's Competition Review to grow opportunities for Junior girls in the game.
- Changed Junior Top Four Cup Finals Players eligibility. [A34, A36]
 - Football West is amending the rule regarding the 6-match appearance requirement after the 30th of June, to 5 matches to make it fairer and easier to follow for clubs.

Annexure 9 – Annexure 11

- Include rule regarding State Football Centre general admission fee: Annexure 9 [A6, P3], Annexure 10 [A5, P3], Annexure 11 [A5, P3]
 - *“Football West reserve the right to charge an admission fee for any matches and competitions at the State Football Centre at a rate determined by Football West.”*

Long Term Injury Policy

- Only applies to NPLWA Senior Competitions now [A1]
 - Long Term Policy was not aiding State League, and further misleading clubs who thought they can switch and sign players using the Long-Term Injury Policy