



2023 Competition Rules – Batch 2 of 2

RECOMMENDATION

That the Game Development Committee notes the contents of this briefing and endorses batch two of the 2023 Competition Rules.

ISSUE

- Football West has reviewed its competition rules for the 2023 season.
- Batch one was recently approved and released. This BN covers the final batch of rules for approval, for the 2023 season.
- The Competition Rules must be approved by the Board prior to release each season.
- The Board requires endorsement from the Game Development Committee before approval is granted.
- 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.

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 misguiding clubs who thought they can switch and sign players using the Long-Term Injury Policy