

CLAUSE 1 OVERVIEW

- (a) The Summer Youth League competition is based on the participation of players who otherwise qualify to participate in YOUTH based football, as defined by Football Australia, with 18 being the maximum age for youth football;
- (b) All clubs and participants competing in the Summer Youth League (known as SYL) are bound by the 2023 Summer League Competition Regulations and related procedures.
- (c) Regulations otherwise applicable under FA, NNSWF or FFNC, including Disciplinary Regulations are implied unless specifically advised in writing to the contrary.
- (d) Unless otherwise specifically stated to the contrary, all items below should be considered to apply respectively to all participants and clubs involved in the SYL competition.
- (e) Any matter that is not explicitly outlined will be assessed by the Competition Administrator, whose decision shall be final.
- (f) The 2023 SYL competition will be constructed based on a format of six (6) teams.
- (g) The competition will be a mixed gender competition, with age eligible players being aged within the demographic of ages 14 to 18 (based on the 2023 calendar year);
- (h) Scope exists as defined in these Regulations, for eligible over-age players to participate;
- (i) Each team (in each competition) will play a maximum of TEN (10) matches.
- (j) The draw will aim to create an equitable Home and Away share of matches for each team;
- (k) Any variations to the competition structure or regulations will be determined by FFNC as appropriate and advised where necessary to participating clubs.

CLAUSE 2 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- (a) The Summer Youth League will be scheduled to commence on Friday 13th October 2023;
- (b) Games will be played weekly (each Friday) and kick-off times will ordinarily be 6.30pm;
- (c) Matches will be scheduled for 35 minutes each way (with a 10 minute half-time break);
- (d) Fixtures postponed due to wet weather or any other unforeseen event may be rescheduled at the discretion of the competition administrator;
- (e) In circumstances where a fixture(s) is not rescheduled a result will be recorded as 0-0 and one point given for each team in such fixture(s);
- (f) The team finishing "highest on the points table" after the conclusion of all rounds of the SYL will be declared the winner of the competition;
- (g) If two or more teams are equal on points, the winner shall be determined based (in order) by (1) Best Goal Difference (2) Most Goals Scored (3) Better disciplinary record (e.g. Least cards received) (4) Joint winners being declared.

CLAUSE 3 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY BY AGE CRITERIA

- (a) The maximum age of a player in the 2023 calendar year is the measure for determining a player's age for this competition;
- (b) The Age Eligible Range for a player to participate in the SYL competitions is 14 – 18 (unless approved as an over-age player);
- (c) An "age-relative effect" may be considered by the Competition Administrator in specific circumstances, however will apply only for the purpose of a player who may be "barely older" than age 20 in 2023;
- (d) The "age-relative effect" does not apply for a player under the age of 14 years (in 2023).

CLAUSE 4 GENDER

- (a) The competition is a mixed gender format, in response to a female SYL competition being unable to proceed in 2023;
- (b) The standard/level of the SYL may be such that players (whether male or female) should be adequately capable of participating in a senior competition.

CLAUSE 5 OVER-AGE PLAYERS

- (a) An over-age player is one who is aged 19, 20 or 21 in 2023;
- (b) Each club can include up to TWO (2) over-age players subject to these over-age players having being registered with your club in the 2023 FFNC winter competition;
- (c) Cannot be a previously un-registered player in the 2023 winter season;
- (d) Cannot subsequently be replaced by another over-age player (or player of eligible age) beyond Thursday 12th October;
- (e) The over-age player(s) should have a reasonable level of playing experience and possess the necessary attributes for mentoring junior players.
- (f) Players with an adverse disciplinary record will NOT be approved if nominated as an over-age player.
- (g) Players nominated as an over-age player who are subject to an existing sanction/suspension, require explicit approval by FFNC to extinguish any component of a sanction in the SYL competition.

CLAUSE 6 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE SYL COMPETITION

- (a) Age-Eligible Players subject to a current suspension may be registered for SYL and subsequently serve a suspension within the SYL, provided that the sanction applicable was issued by FFNC.
- (b) Other participation eligibility is satisfied.

CLAUSE 7 NON-CLUB PLAYERS (I.E. RELEVANT TO 2023 FFNC WINTER COMPETITION)

- (a) The definition of a "Non-Club Player" is a player who was not registered with your club during the 2023 FFNC winter competition or is a player who was registered with a club from outside FFNC during the 2023 winter competition;

CLAUSE 8 UNREGISTERED WINTER COMPETITION PLAYER

- (a) The definition of an "Unregistered Winter Competition Player" is a player who was NOT registered with any club during the 2023 winter season;
- (b) Maximum of FOUR (4) players from either of the above categories "Non-Club" or "Unregistered Winter Competition" are permitted per SYL team (subject to other conditions in these regulations)

CLAUSE 9 SQUAD NUMBERS

- (a) A maximum of 20 Players per squad (including any over-age and 2023 non-club players) are permitted to be registered;
- (b) Maximum of FOUR (4) players from either of the above categories "Non-Club" or "Unregistered in 2023" are permitted per SYL team (subject to other conditions in these regulations);
- (c) Players cannot be de-registered and replaced after a competition commences, however;
- (d) Additional players can be registered (up to a maximum squad of 20 players) not later than 1pm Thursday 26th October 2023

CLAUSE 10 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- (a) FFNC will facilitate a record of registrations for all players in response to the submission of respective squad lists to FFNC;
- (b) Cancellation of winter player registration is NOT required in PlayFootball to enable registration;
- (c) The SYL competition is classed as a Social Competition for the purposes of registration;
- (d) All registrations will be in response to squad lists submitted to FFNC not later than 1pm Thursday prior to Rounds One, Round Two and Round Three for a player/s to be eligible to participate, however noting;
- (e) Player registrations will close 1pm Thursday 26th October 2023;
- (f) There will be no refunds approved for players who subsequently register with a team but do not participate, or subsequently request a cancellation of registration;
- (g) Timelines must be strictly adhered to with no concessions given.

CLAUSE 11 COSTS FOR PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- (a) Player registration/competition participation (PER player) costs apply as follows;

i. Age Eligible Player (registered in FFNC 2023 winter competition)	\$ 65.00
ii. Age Eligible but previously unregistered (i.e. not registered in FFNC 2023 winter competition)	\$ 90.00
iii. Registered Over-Age (i.e. registered in FFNC 2023 at same club during winter competition)	\$ 90.00
- (b) FFNC will invoice respective clubs for all applicable registration levies with payment due by 31st October 2023.

CLAUSE 12 MATCH OFFICIALS

- (a) Each club will be invoiced by FFNC for half of the match official fees applicable for each fixture in which they are scheduled to participate, with an invoice generated by 17th October for the FULL SYL season. Payment *IN FULL* is due by 26th October;
- (b) One (1) referee and two (2) assistant referees will be the normal allocation per match;
- (c) FFNC will make payments to appointed match officials by direct payment each fortnight;
- (d) Centre referee liability is \$90 per match; AR liability is \$100 per match (being for two AR's);
- (e) FFNC will be liable for the payments made to 4th Officials;
- (f) FFNC will rebate clubs for any costs invoiced and subsequently found to have not been incurred; (i.e. not having a full complement of match officials in any game).
- (g) FFNC will invoice respective clubs for all applicable registration levies with payment due by 26th October 2023.

CLAUSE 13 TEAM OFFICIALS

- (a) Persons wanting to act as a team official MUST be registered as a team official as evidenced from the 2023 FFNC winter season records;
- (b) Persons wanting to act as a Team Official must NOT be subject to a current suspension/sanction;
- (c) A Team Official must be aged at least 18 years;
- (d) A maximum of THREE (3) registered team officials per team are permitted within the respective Technical Area.

CLAUSE 14 DUTY OFFICERS

- (a) Each participating team must ensure that at LEAST ONE Duty Officer is present and visible at each SYL fixture in which they are participating (home and away). Their role and responsibilities are in accordance with FFNC Competition Regulations.

CLAUSE 14 MATCH RESULTS

- (a) The HOME team will submit the match results online not later than 11pm on the Sunday after each round of fixtures otherwise e-mail results or image of match sheets to FFNC by 8am each Monday.

CLAUSE 15 MATCH SHEETS

- (a) Match Officials are required to submit ALL match sheets to the HOME club after each respective match;
- (b) The HOME club must then submit the match sheets (home and away teams match sheets) to FFNC no later than 1pm each Wednesday, noting that an initial electronic submission is acceptable (with originals to be submitted in due course regardless of any electronic submission made)
- (c) Fines will exist for late or absence of submission of match sheets.

CLAUSE 16 CONDITION OF VENUE OR PLAYING CONDITIONS

- (a) Advice concerning ground closure is to be advised to FFNC by a call to 0438 215 593;
- (b) Forfeits advised prior to COB each Monday will not ignite a fine, however beyond that timeline, will ignite a fine of \$165.00 per forfeit;
- (c) The referee shall have the discretion to cancel a fixture or suspend play should it be deemed that the conditions are unsuitable for play;
- (d) The referee does not have the authority to change venue or vary any regulations or conditions of play;
- (e) Player safety is paramount, particularly if there is any storm activity and caution should be applied in all cases. Refer to the relevant NNSWF policies (links below);
 - i. [Lightning Policy \(click here\)](#)
 - ii. [Hot Weather Policy \(click here\)](#)

CLAUSE 17 LINES OF COMMUNICATION

- (a) In the event of ground closure or forfeit after 1pm Friday, clubs are required to (1) Call the FFNC mobile (0438 215 593) and (2) Contact the primary contact of the opposition club.
- (b) The FFNC after hours contact for any URGENT matters is Steve Mackney (0438 215 593).

CLAUSE 18 HOME CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) The team named first in the draw will be considered as the HOME club in ALL circumstances;
- (b) A club cannot change the venue or time or any other aspect of the fixture (or conditions of play) unless the express permission of the competition administrator is issued prior to the fixture;
- (c) HOME teams/clubs must;
 - i. Supply 3 match quality FIFA approved footballs (size 5) for each fixture;
 - ii. Advise FFNC of any other matter preventing the fixture(s) from proceeding as scheduled;
 - iii. Provide a suitable centre Referee and/or Assistant Referee/s (must be aged at least 18 years) if match officials have not been appointed by FFNC or do not attend any fixture.

CLAUSE 19 PLAYING STRIPS

- (a) An alternative strip is to be worn by the HOME team in the event that the Referee considers that insufficient difference exists between the playing strips of the two teams participating. Failure to do so or an inability to resolve the issue (e.g. visiting team wears an alternate strip) will result in the HOME team forfeiting the fixture.
- (b) Bibs cannot be worn as a playing strip (under any circumstances).
- (c) All teams must have available an "alternate" jersey that is an alternative colour to the "home" jersey;
- (d) Teams/clubs should avoid using predominately BLACK strips, as this is the main colour for match officials;
- (e) ALL playing shirts must be numbered and reconcile with the player names/shirt numbers listed on the match sheet;
- (f) The goalkeeper must wear a shirt that is (1) numbered and (2) of a colour and design that is distinctive from the playing shirts worn by the opposition and their own team.

CLAUSE 20 GROUND HIRE AND GROUND LIGHTING

- (a) Games allocated as home fixtures are the responsibility of the host club (or through arrangement where neutral venue applies) to manage, in relation to field suitability and set-up.

CLAUSE 21 ANNEXURE A - SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES

- (a) Forfeits – Teams forfeiting will be fined \$165.00 per game forfeited (GST exempt);
- (b) Withdrawals - Teams withdrawing after 12th October 2023 will be fined \$500.00 (GST exempt);
- (c) Cautions, Send-Offs and Suspensions will be processed in accordance with FA National Disciplinary Regulations and FFNC Disciplinary Procedures;
- (d) A Player who accumulates the THREE (3) yellow cards during the course of the competition, must serve a ONE (1) match suspension;
- (e) A Player who accumulates the FOUR (4) yellow cards during the course of the competition, must serve an additional ONE (1) match suspension for each subsequent yellow card received.
- (f) Any yellow card issued to a TEAM OFFICIAL, will equate to TWO accumulated cautions and will ignite a suspension being imposed;
- (g) Any yellow card issued to an individual when acting as a player and a team official will have the impact of adding additional accumulated cards;
- (h) Matters of a Code of Conduct & Ethics nature will be assessed by an Independent Arbitrator and may ignite penalties against individuals, teams and clubs.

CLAUSE 22 OTHER MATTERS

- (a) Any matters not specially referenced in these Regulations may be considered by FFNC, with decisions on such matters made at the discretion of FFNC.