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1 ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Scope and Application

a) Football Queensland reserves the right to review the Rules of Competition (RoC) on an annual basis. Notwithstanding any annual review, Football Queensland may amend, change, or modify the RoC provided due notice (5 days) of any changes is given to all competing Clubs and participants.

b) Football Queensland maintains the right to amend, change or modify the RoC, in its sole and absolute discretion.

c) Clubs, players, team officials and match officials must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of Football Australia and Football Queensland, including but not limited to;

i. Football Australia National Registration Regulations.
ii. Football Australia National Disciplinary Regulations.
iii. Football Australia Code of Conduct.
iv. Football Australia Grievance Resolution Regulations.
v. Football Australia Member Protection Framework and Football Queensland Member Protection Policies located on the Football Queensland Forms and Policies Webpage.
vi. 2024 Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations.
vii. Football Queensland Social Media Guidelines.
viii. 2024 Media & Marketing Guidelines.
ix. All Football Queensland Licensing Agreements (supplied on request of Club).

d) If any part of the RoC, or relevant Regulations, Policies, By-laws or Statutes is void, that specific part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these RoC.

1.2 Consequences for Breach

a) Any breach of these RoC or any failure to comply with any direction given by Football Queensland may result in the imposition of a penalty or penalties issued by Football Queensland under the RoC and any other relevant penalties pursuant to the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations.

b) Any breach or failure to meet or adhere to Licencing Agreement may also result in further penalties (as stipulated below). These include but are not limited to;

i. Inability to field teams in all required competitions as per license.

ii. Non-participation of any/all aspects of the Club Assessment Criteria.

c) Furthermore, if Football Queensland determines a Club/Team/Team Official to be in breach of the RoC or Licensing Agreement, FQ are permitted to take any reasonable action as required to ensure the breach does not affect the integrity or viability of its Competitions and product.

d) The penalties will include any or all (but not limited to) of the following;

i. Monetary Fine/Financial Penalties as per 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

ii. Deduction of Points.

iii. Suspension of the Club/Participant/s from any/all Competitions.

iv. Removal of team/Club from the Competition/s.

1.3 Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

a) All Competitive matches (and all under the auspice of Football Queensland throughout the state) under the jurisdiction of these RoC will be played in accordance with the IFAB/FA Laws of the Game.

b) The Football Queensland RoC outlined within are in addition to those stipulated in the IFAB/FA Laws of the Game.

c) The Under 13 competitions will play the Format according to the National curriculum as issued by Football Australia and Football Queensland. The playing format for Under 13 Competitions is located here.

d) U9-12 FQ Academy Leagues will play as per the formats outlined in the U12 Playing Format and Rules and the MiniRoos Playing Format and Rules, with the exception of playing times which are outlined in section 5.2.a.

1.4 Confirmation of Leagues/Age Division

a) Football Queensland will conduct Competitions in the following Leagues and Age Divisions:

Competition	Age Divisions
National Premier Leagues Men & Women	U23, First Team
Football Queensland Premier League 1-2 Men & Women	U23, First Team
FQ Academy League 1 Boys	U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 McKain, U13 McKay, U14, U15, U16, U18
FQ Academy League 2-3 Boys	U10 North, U10 South, U11 North, U11 South, U12 North, U12 South, U13, U14, U15, U16, U18
FQ Academy League 4 Boys	U13, U14, U15, U16, U18
FQ Academy League 1-2 Girls	U11, U12, U13, U15, U17

b) Composition of the Leagues will be determined by Football Queensland on an annual basis and Football Queensland's determination on the number of Clubs is final.

c) FQ may conduct additional competitions as it deems appropriate before, during or after the competition season, providing the rules and competitions are sanctioned by FQ for the competition prior to the commencement of the competition (includes cup competitions).

d) Entry into the Queensland Cup is mandatory for eligible Clubs in NPL (Men & Women) / FQPL 1 (Men and Women) / FQPL 2 (Men and Women).

1.5 Player Insurance

a) Player Injury and Associated Liability Insurance cover is taken out by Football Queensland. Policy details and claims procedures are available on the Gow-Gates website.

1.6 Commercial Arrangements

a) If Football Queensland (FQ) enters into a sponsorship or commercial agreement, a condition of entry into all FQ Competitions is that a Club is required to comply with any conditions imposed by Football Queensland arising out of the sponsorship agreement. Such requirements may include, but is not limited to; signage, the display of logos on Club websites, jerseys, the use of designated balls, ground and facility access requirements, visitor and commercial partner accreditation, ground and match ticketing terms and conditions etc.

b) Football Queensland where possible will attempt to ensure that any requirement by a sponsor has minimal financial impact and not intrude on Clubs' existing sponsorship contracts.

1.7 Outstanding Debts

a) Treatment of outstanding debts will be as outlined in License Agreements.

b) Clubs competing in Football Queensland Competitions are required to be financial (without debt) no less than 14 days prior to the commencement of any FQ Competition or Competition Fixture (inc. Queensland and Australia Cup). A failure to adhere to this stipulation may result in any or all (but not limited to) of the following;

   i. Financial Penalties.
   ii. Deduction of Points.
   iii. Suspension of the Club from any/all Competitions.
   iv. Removal from the Competition/s.

c) This Section applies to all Competitions, Competition Fixtures and Cup Matches conducted by Football Queensland and the participating Clubs and participants therein.

1.8 Special Consideration

a) Football Queensland has the right to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of these RoC should it be clear those special considerations are in the best interests of the game. Nothing in these Regulations will prevent the Football Queensland Board from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by these RoC.

b) The decision by Football Queensland to review and consider contextual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

c) Football Queensland may waive the payment of any amount payable to it at any time.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT AND REGISTRATIONS

2.1 Code of Conduct

a) All players, club officials and match officials are bound by and must comply with all FA Statutes and Regulations, including without limitation the FA Code of Conduct. All players must be registered in line with the National Registration, Statutes and Transfer Regulations. Failure to do so will mean the player is ineligible.

2.2 Eligibility

b) Ineligible Players include:

i. Unregistered Players.

ii. Suspended Players - suspended by Football Queensland or any other Federation in line with the Football Australia National Disciplinary Regulations and/or 2024 Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations.

iii. They have been expelled from a match on the day/s prior to the match (or day of the match) but before an infringement notice has been issued.

iv. Player who participates in the match but is not listed correctly on the Squadi Team Sheet prior to the match commencing.

v. They are deemed ineligible due to any section of the RoC, FA/FQ Regulations, Statutes or Policies and/or Football Queensland By-Law 9.

2.3 Consequences of Playing an Ineligible Player

a) A team may lose a match on forfeit and be fined in accordance with these RoC and the 2024 Fines and Penalties document, if an Ineligible Player participates in the match or, if at the time of the match, the team is in breach of the Player Points System (PPS) Maximum or Visa and Overage Player limits set out in these RoC.

b) Any Club is permitted to lodge a protest regarding the alleged fielding of an ineligible player(s). A Squadi Incident Report must be lodged by a designated club official or contact outlining the details of the protest and the player(s) involved. Should the protest involve the allegation of a player playing under another player's name, the protest is required to include a photograph of the player(s). An investigation into the protest will be undertaken as soon as possible.

c) FQ also reserves the right to investigate any matter at its own discretion even though a formal protest has not been lodged.

d) Any determination made by Football Queensland in relation to a player eligibility matter is final and not subject to appeal.

2.4 Age Eligibility

a) The following table details the year of birth applicable to the age-eligible divisions of the Competitions. Players must be within these ranges to be eligible for registration and participation in matches.

Age Group	Eligible Years of Birth	Eligible with AD HOC Dispensation Form Submission
First Team Women	2008 or earlier	2009

First Team Men	2007 or earlier	2008
U23 Women	2001-2008	2009
U23 Men	2001-2007	2008
U18 Boys	2006-2007	2008
U17 Girls	2007-2008	2009
U16 Boys	2008	2009
U15 Girls	2009-2010	2011
U15 Boys	2009	2010
U14 Boys	2010	2011
U13 Boys and Girls	2011	2012
U12 Boys and Girls	2012	2013
U11 Girls	2013-2014	2015
U11 Boys	2013	2014
U10 Boys	2014	2015
U9 Boys	2015	2016

b) The exception to the above is for the FQ Academy QAS teams, who are restricted to the following:

i. NPL First Team – Players born no earlier than 2006.

ii. NPL U23 – Players born no earlier than 2007.

iii. FQ Academy League 2 U17 Girls – Players born no earlier than 2009.

iv. FQ Academy League 2/3 U14 Boys – Players born no earlier than 2007.

2.5 Registration Period

a) Any Amateur or Professional (NPL/FQPL1 Men's or NPL Women's) player registration to a Club may occur at any time during the Registration Periods. For 2024, the registration periods will be:

Competition	Registration Period 1: Opening Date	Registration Period 1: Closing Date	Registration Period 2: Opening Date	Registration Period 2: Closing Date
NPL/FQPL 1 Men	10th January 2024	6th February 2024	25th June 2024	4th July 2024
NPL/FQPL 1 U23	November 2023	-	-	4th July 2024
NPL Women	4th October 2023	26th December 2023	23rd April 2024	20th May 2024
NPL U23 Women	November 2023	-	-	30th June 2024
FQPL 1-2 Women & FQPL 2 Men (Inc. U23s)	November 2023	-	-	30th June 2024
FQ Academy League Boys and Girls (U13-U18)	November 2023	-	-	30th June 2024

FQ Academy League Boys and Girls (U9-U12)	November 2023	-	-	-

b) Amateur Players may register without restriction at any time up until 11:59pm on the Closing Date of each Registration Period.

c) Amateur Players may register to an NPL/FQPL 1 Men or NPL Women's Club prior to the opening date of these Registration Periods into the U23 or Junior competitions, however, will not be eligible to participate for the First Team until the Opening Date of the next Registration Period.

d) All players that lodge a NRR05 Professional Player Contract with Football Queensland must be registered as a 'Professional' by a Football Queensland Administrator only and must lodge the contract prior to any deadlines stipulated by FQ. These players must be registered within the windows outlined for NPL/FQPL 1 Men or NPL Women competitions.

2.6 Reacquisition of Amateur Status

a) A player registered as a Professional cannot register or re-register as an Amateur Player until at least thirty (30) days after the last time they were listed on a Team Sheet as a Professional Player (see FA NRSTRs).

2.7 Registrations Outside of Registration Periods

a) Football Queensland may request to FA to allow a Club to register a player (Amateur or Professional) outside of the Registration Periods if:

i. That player is a goalkeeper, the Club only has one Goalkeeper across the Senior squad, and all other options, including promoting from the Clubs age-eligible teams have been exhausted.

ii. Football Queensland is satisfied that the Club has justifiable reason for the request and has provided appropriate evidence.

iii. Exceptional Circumstances exist (at FQ discretion and with FA approval), e.g. for ex-professional players returning from A-League Men/A-League Women or overseas (subject to ITC) after their contract expires or is terminated to assist in providing elite athletes year-round playing opportunities and raising competition standards.

b) Clubs must make the request via the online link found on Football Queensland's website. The decision handed down to the Club is final and unsuccessful exemption requests cannot be appealed.

2.8 Visa Players

a) If a Club registers a Visa Player as a Professional, that Club must ensure it meets all the legal requirements pertaining to the obtaining and maintaining of a valid visa or work permit for that Visa Player, including where applicable, a letter of endorsement from FA, the payment of any minimum salary and any sponsorship requirements.

b) Clubs may be required to submit documentation to FQ showing the residential/citizenship status of Visa Players. FQ may also request documentation of additional players at their discretion.

c) The number of Visa Players allowed in each First Team Competition is:

Competition	Maximum Number of Visa Players	Interchangeable Between Match Weeks Yes/No
NPL/FQPL 1 Men	2	No
NPL /FQPL 1 Women	3	No
FQPL 2 Men	3	No
FQPL 2 Women	3	Yes
All U23 Men and Women	Unlimited	NA
All FQ Academy Juniors	Unlimited	NA

d) Visa Players cannot be interchanged week in, week out for the competitions specified in section 2.8.c. If a Club wishes to bring an U23 or junior Visa Player into the Frist Team but already has the maximum number of Visa Players (as per section 2.8.c) nominated on their Player Roster for the First Team, they must permanently drop or De-Register one of their existing Visa Players from the First Team, which must be communicated to FQ in an updated Player Roster and PPS (if applicable) at least 36 hours prior to any fixture.

2.9 Process for Registration of Team Managers and Coaches

a) All Coaches, Team Managers and Volunteers must be registered in Squadi to be involved in any capacity with a Club participating in Football Queensland Competitions and must be able to always provide an appropriate accreditation of registration.

b) All coaches that coach within Football Queensland Competitions must hold the recognised minimum level of coaching accreditation required as stipulated in the relevant Licensing Criteria.

2.10 Submission of Registrations

a) All registrations are to be processed, approved, and completed via Squadi no less than 24 hours prior to participating in any match.

b) All Clubs must submit approved registrations for all players and officials on the 'Player Roster' (Senior) as listed in these RoC.

2.11 Professional Player Transfer Fees and Disputes

a) Football Queensland will recognise complaints made by players against Clubs, or Clubs against players, with respect to the terms and conditions as stipulated in NRR05 Professional Contract between both parties which has been lodged with Football Queensland. Complainants should refer to the FA National Registration Statutes and Transfer Regulations. Any complaint will be determined under the relevant

Member Federation Grievance Procedure By-Law.

2.12 Player Rosters

a) During the NPL/FQPL1-2 Men's and NPL/FQPL1-2 Women's Seasons, Clubs may have a maximum of 50 players Registered to their Senior Squad (Senior Men's/Women's and U23s combined).

   i. Clubs found to be exceeding this number may found to be in breach of the RoC and subject to the penalties as per section 1.2.a.

   ii. Players who are Professionally Contracted to the Australian Professional Leagues (APL) with Brisbane Roar and wish to drop down into their NPL Men's Team are exempt and will not be counted towards the total squad size, however, must still be listed on the PPS and turning no older than 23 in 2024.

3 PLAYER MOVEMENT

3.1 Age Policy

3.1.1 Senior Men's – U23 Men and First Team

a) All Age Eligible players that are registered before or during the Registrations Periods (see section 2.5) to the Club's First Team are eligible for selection in matches, unless suspended or otherwise ineligible for inclusion.

b) U23, U18 and U16 Age Eligible players as per section 2.4.a can play into the First Team without restriction. To play First Team, players must have registered before or during the Registrations Periods (see section 2.5). Under 16 aged eligible players will be required to complete an Ad Hoc Dispensation Request Form before participating in the First Team competition.

c) U18 and U16 graded players who are Age Eligible to do so as per section 2.4.a, may participate in U23 Men's without restriction. Under 16 aged eligible players will be required to complete an Ad Hoc Dispensation Request Form before participating in the U23 Men's competition.

d) Players registering to Brisbane Roar NPL Men's Team must be under the age of 23 (born 2001 or later).

e) In NPL/FQPL 1 Men four (4) Overage Players (born 2000 or earlier) including three (3) outfield players plus one (1) goalkeeper are permitted to play down in the Club's U23 Men's team.

f) In FQPL 2 Men six (6) Overage Players (born 2000 or earlier) including five (5) outfield players plus one (1) goalkeeper are permitted to play down in the Club's U23 Men's team.

g) Football Queensland will monitor the use of Overage Players and Clubs found to be abusing these rules, by stacking any age-eligible team below will be dealt with under these RoC or the Disciplinary Regulations; and offending Clubs will incur a three (3) point deduction from their First Team results/ladder.

3.1.2 Women's First Team and U23 Women

a) All Age Eligible players that are registered before or during the Registrations Periods (see section 2.5) to the Club's First Team are eligible for selection in matches, unless suspended or otherwise ineligible for inclusion.

b) All U23, U17 and U15 Age Eligible players as per section 2.4.a can play into the First Team without restriction. To play First Team in NPL Women's, U23 players must have registered before or during the Registrations Periods (see section 2.5). Under 15 aged eligible players will be required to complete an Ad Hoc Dispensation Request Form before participating in the First Team competition.

c) U17 and U15 graded players who are Age Eligible to do so as per section 2.4.a, may participate in U23 Women's without restriction. Under 15 aged eligible players will be required to complete an Ad Hoc Dispensation Request Form before participating in the U23 Women's competition.

d) In NPL Women four (4) Overage Players (born 2000 or earlier) including three (3) outfield players plus one (1) goalkeeper are permitted to play down in the Club's U23 Women's team.

e) In FQPL 1 Women five (5) Overage Players (born 2000 or earlier) including four (4) outfield players plus one (1) goalkeeper are permitted to play down in the Club's U23 Women's team.

f) In FQPL 2 Women, a minimum of ten (10) players age 23 or younger (born 2001 or later) must be listed across the First Team and U23 Women's teams collectively in each Round of fixtures.

g) Football Queensland will monitor the use of Overage Players and Clubs found to be abusing these rules,

by stacking any age-eligible team below will be dealt with under these RoC or the Disciplinary Regulations; and offending Clubs will incur a three (3) point deduction from their First Team league points tally.

3.1.3 Junior Competitions

a) Players must participate in their eligible age group as per section 2.4.

b) Any players wishing to play below their eligible age group must submit a Permanent Dispensation Request Form to Football Queensland during the available windows communicated to Clubs.

c) This is only available for a player born in the calendar year directly above. E.g., A player born in 2009 (turning 15 in 2024), may request to play down in the U14s for 2024, however a player born in 2008 cannot.

d) This opportunity to apply for permanent dispensation will apply to junior players and is not available for any boys turning 19 years of age to play in U18s. Girls turning 18 years of age requesting to play in U17s may apply for dispensation but will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

e) Any requests to play two or more years below a player's eligible age will not be considered.

f) No team may have more than 2 players playing below their designated age group (e.g., an U14 FQ Academy League 3 team may not have more than 2 players born in 2009 (15 years old) in their team). The exception to this rule is for Girls Only teams, where a maximum of 3 players can be granted dispensation into a team, upon application.

g) Clubs may seek dispensation for the following reasons:

   i. Physical size.

   ii. Playing below their designated age group due to being born in the last 3 months of the year.

   iii. Playing below their designated age group for social/cultural grounds.

h) If approved, Football Queensland Competitions will then confirm the decision in writing to the relevant Club. Please note that until approval is provided, the player CANNOT participate in matches in the lower age group as an Eligible Player.

i) If dispensation is granted for a player to play down an age group, said player may be unable to be borrowed into another team in their original age group or higher divisions within the younger age group under any circumstance at any point throughout the season. If a player is found to have been borrowed into any teams in their original age group or higher divisions in the younger age group without approval from Football Queensland, they will be deemed to be an Ineligible Player.

j) Football Queensland reserves the right to revoke any dispensation approval regarding a player playing below their designated age group at any point in time.

k) Any players wishing to participate in age groups two or more years above their eligible age must also complete the Permanent Dispensation Request Form for a determination from FQ. The only exception to this rule is in the combined FQ Academy Girls (SEQ) age groups, where players from the higher year bracket of their current double age group who wish to play up either permanently or as a borrowed payer must complete the Ad Hoc Dispensation Form.

l) All cases of girls wishing to play permanently in the FQ Academy Boys competitions (SEQ) must also complete the Permanent Dispensation Request Form for a determination from FQ.

m) The decision of Football Queensland on whether to allow a dispensation for a player to play outside of their designated age group will be final and not subject to appeal.

3.1.4 U13 & U14 Age Restrictions

a) Furthermore, in the specific cases of team viability within the U13 and U14 competitions there will be additional parameters detailing the maximum number of players that can be borrowed or play permanently outside of their age groups. These can be found in the table below;

Competition	Age Restrictions
All U13 competitions	No more than 6 players born in the year 2012 (turning 12 in 2024) can be listed on the Squadi Team Sheet for any fixture, including borrowed players.
All U14 competitions	No more than 7 players born in the year 2011 (turning 13 in 2024) can be listed on the Squadi Team Sheet for any fixture, including borrowed players.

b) Clubs may apply to Football Queensland to allow an exception to these restrictions in extraordinary circumstances for a particular match or for the full season. The decision of Football Queensland regarding the granting of an exemption will be final and not subject to appeal.

3.2 Playing Across Competitions

a) All players will be graded into the team in which they play their first fixture of the season, unless FQ is notified prior to doing so through the submission of an Ad Hoc Dispensation Form.

b) The following conditions apply to player movement between and into senior competitions.

i. Players graded as part of a senior community team are eligible to play for the same Club's NPL/FQPL Squad if they registered before or during the relevant Registration Periods (See section 2.5). Players may be borrowed into the NPL/FQPL squad for a maximum of 6 games. On the 7th occasion, the player is regraded to the NPL/FQPL squad and is ineligible to go back to the community team.

ii. If being borrowed into a Club's NPL/FQPL1 Men's First Team or U23s and the player is born in 2000 or earlier, they must be included on the PPS. If the player is being borrowed into a Club's NPL/FQPL 1 Men's First Team and is considered a Visa Player, they must also be included on the PPS and adhere to Visa Player restrictions in place. The updated PPS must be submitted to FQ at least 36 hours before kick-off and must be approved before the player takes the field of play.

iii. Clubs with senior teams across different divisions covered by this RoC (NPL-FQPL 2 Men & Women), may not borrow players between those squads without permission from FQ prior to doing so. All players registered to the Club must be nominated to a particular squad via the Player Rosters and PPS submitted to FQ prior to the season.

c) The following conditions apply to player movement between and into junior competitions.

i. Age eligible players graded as part of an U16 Boys, U18 Boys, U15 Girls or U17 Girls team are able to be borrowed without restriction into NPL/FQPL squads (U23 and First Team).

ii. Players who are graded into FQ Academy Junior teams are able to be borrowed into higher divisions in the same age group, and a maximum of 1 division lower if being borrowed into an age group higher, but may only do so for a maximum of eleven (11) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of matches played up and not to each team they may play in, including games borrowed into community senior competitions. Please refer to the Appendix in Section 10 for tables outlining the permitted borrowing of players across competitions.

iii. Players graded into community junior teams are permitted to be borrowed into FQ Academy

Junior teams within the restrictions outlined in the Statewide Rules of Competition.

iv. Players are not permitted to be borrowed from mixed teams to specific boys or girls teams, vice versa, or between Boys and Girls specific competitions without the consent in writing of Football Queensland in response to a submitted AD Hoc Dispensation Form. The decision of Football Queensland shall be in its absolute discretion and not subject to appeal.

v. If a player graded into an FQ Academy League team plays more than eleven (11) matches for any higher divisions or age groups, that player is no longer eligible to play in their original team (including finals) and will automatically be regraded into the higher division. Should the player have played for multiple divisions the player will be regraded into the team in which they have played the greatest number of borrowed games, or the highest of those divisions if the number of games is equal.

vi. Once the player is regraded into a new division, all previous borrowed games in any higher division will remain as part of the player's borrowing tally. Should the player exceed their borrowing total in higher divisions the player will further be regraded into the higher division.

vii. In the FQ Academy 1 U13 Boys Leagues, players graded in the McKain competition are permitted to be borrowed into the McKay competition within these borrowing limitations, however no players who are graded as part of the McKay competition are permitted to be borrowed into the McKain competition or any lower divisions.

d) Clubs may apply to Football Queensland through to allow an exception to these rules in extraordinary circumstances using an Ad Hoc Dispensation Form.

e) Any application to borrow players outside of allowable borrowing rules are to be sent to Football Queensland, no later than 5pm of the Thursday prior to the commencement of a team's match. Any applications submitted after the 5pm deadline will not be considered until the following Monday. Any Players found to have been borrowed without permission will be deemed Ineligible Players and subject to the Penalties and Outcomes as per section 2.3.

f) The decision of Football Queensland will be final on whether to allow an exception. There shall be no appeal from the decision of Football Queensland in respect of the granting of an exception.

g) The exception to these player movement regulations is for the players registered for any QAS teams who may move freely between age groups for the purposes of player development. Eligibility of QAS players for finals will be subject to approval from the FQ Competitions Team prior to the commencement of the Finals Series.

4 COMPETITION STRUCTURES AND REGULATIONS

4.1 Structures and Competition Format

a) The 2024 Season will comprise of teams licensed or operating under a Participation Licence Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as approved by Football Queensland.

b) Football Queensland determines the number of teams in each competition each season.

   i. For 2024, Male Senior competitions shall be comprised of 12 Clubs in each of the NPL, FQPL 1 and FQPL 2 leagues, with a Senior Men's team and U23s team in each competition.

   ii. For 2024, Female Senior competitions shall be comprised of 10 Clubs in each of the NPL, FQPL 1 and FQPL 2 leagues, with a Senior Women's team and U23s team in each Competition.

c) The composition and format of all FQ Academy competitions will be determined annually by Football Queensland. All Clubs competing in these leagues will not be subject to promotion or relegation, as league placement is based on FQ Advanced Club Assessment outcomes and Licence Agreements.

d) All Senior Men's and Women's competitions (inc. U23s), and U13-U18 FQ Academy Leagues will consist of two (2) stages;

   i. Regular Season, consisting of home and away matches.

   ii. Finals Series.

e) In all competitive age groups and divisions at the conclusion of the regular season, the team that finishes with the highest number of points is deemed the Premiers. In the event multiple teams are equal on points, refer to section 4.7 to determine their placing.

4.2 Withdrawal from Competition Season

a) If a team is withdrawn, removed, or suspended before the competition has started and cannot be replaced, a bye in the competition will be substituted where possible and the Club will be levied an administration fee, and the following will apply accordingly.

   i. If the first cycle (round) of fixtures wasn't completed in its entirety, the recorded results for that team will be deleted.

   ii. If the second, or subsequent, cycle (round) of fixtures wasn't completed in its entirety then the results of the uncompleted cycle will be deleted while the results for all completed cycles will remain.

   iii. FQ may re-arrange the draw so that the teams that were due to play the withdrawing team have a bye. Where the competition already had a bye in each round, FQ may change the draw as it sees fit to eliminate the bye.

   iv. FQ reserves the right to negotiate with another Club/team to come into the competition as a replacement. FQ also reserves the right to decide how points are attributed to the replacement team for the remainder of the season.

   v. The withdrawn Club involved will be subject to potential disciplinary action, sanction, and penalties. Please refer to the 2024 Fines and Penalties document for further information.

4.3 Promotion and Relegation – Football Queensland Competitions

a) If the 2024 NPL/FQPL1-2 Men's and Women's competition structures change due to unforeseen

circumstances post the commencement of the 2024 Regular Season, Football Queensland retains the right to review and amend these RoC in its sole and absolute discretion.

b) Should a Club be Promoted or Relegated from the NPL/FQPL1-2 Men's and Women's competitions, the Club's U23's will follow the First Team and be given a position in the relevant FQ Competition for 2025, should they meet the criteria as outlined in the Affiliation and Licensing agreements.

c) If there is any dispute as to which Club should be Promoted or Relegated from any competition, Football Queensland retains the right to determine the final Clubs Promoted or Relegated in their sole and absolute discretion. Any decision by Football Queensland is final and not subject to any appeal.

d) All positions outlined in this section will be based on the final standings of the NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women competition (as per section 4.7 Competition Placings) at the conclusion of the Regular Season. Final Series matches and the associated results will have no effect on the promotion or relegation of any Club.

e) In all FQPL 1-2 Men's and Women's competitions the 1st and 2nd placed teams at the completion of the regular season will be promoted to the competition above for the subsequent season. Note, promotion of Clubs from SEQ FQPL 3 competitions into FQPL 2 will be determined via a Promotion Play-Off Series as defined in the 2024 Statewide Rules of Competition.

f) In all NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men's and Women's competitions the teams placed last and 2nd last at the conclusion of the regular season will be relegated to the competition below for the subsequent season.

g) For the 2024 season, QAS are exempt from relegation as a promotion of the elite player pathway in QLD. If QAS finish 9th or 10th, they will be exempt from relegation, and the 8th or 9th team will be relegated.

h) As Clubs are only permitted to have one team within any NPL or FQPL division, if a team finishes in a relegation position, and the Club also has a team in the division immediately below the following provisions will apply regardless of the position of the team in the lower division;

   i. The team in the division below will also be relegated to a lower division.

   ii. If this occurs, the team who finished 2nd last in the lower division at the conclusion of the regular season will not be relegated.

i) As Clubs are only permitted to have one team within any FQPL division, if the Club's team in the higher division is not in a relegation or promotion position, but the lower division team finishes in a promotion position, they will not be eligible to be promoted. If that occurs the next placed team in the lower division will be eligible for promotion.

4.4 Promotion & Relegation Requests/Withdrawal

a) If one or both teams who have qualified for promotion to an NPL/FQPL competition advises that they do not wish to exercise the privilege, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Queensland for review. If the request is granted or any other vacancy arises, Football Queensland will approach Clubs to enter the competition in the below order:

   i. The team who finished 2nd last in the higher division will be offered the opportunity to not be relegated.

   ii. If they decline the opportunity, or a further vacancy arises, the team who finished last in the higher division will be offered the opportunity to not be relegated.

   iii. If they also decline the opportunity, or a further vacancy arises, the position will then be offered to the next highest placed team in the lower division, that has not yet been promoted, until a Club(s) accepts the invitation.

iv. In the case of FQPL 2 (where a promotional SEQ playoff is executed), for any vacancy that becomes available rule 4.3.1.a.iii will not apply and Football Queensland reserves the right to seek applications from any other Club to fill the vacancy.

4.5 Promotion and Relegation – National Second Division

a) Football Queensland will determine the movement of teams back into its Competitions and may review and amend these conditions at its sole and absolute discretion.

b) The conditions of Promotion/Relegation are subject to the format of the National Second Division at the time, which may be either of the following:

i. A full Home and Away Season with the intention for Participating Teams to Compete in this League instead of the NPL.

ii. A knockout cup style or Champions League competition to run in conjunction with and parallel to the NPL Competition.

4.5.1 Promotion

a) Any Club currently participating in the NPL Men's or Women's may be freely promoted out of NPL Queensland and into any proposed National Second Division (NSD) competition, delivered by Football Australia, should it meet Football Australia's relevant criteria, licence conditions and any other condition of entry.

b) Should a Club currently participating in the NPL Queensland be promoted into a proposed National Second Division competition in line with section 4.5.b.i, the Club will not be permitted to have ongoing or continued participation in the NPL Queensland (U23 & Senior) beyond the current season. If the Format of the NSD Competition is as per 4.5.b.ii, the Team may, at the discretion of Football Queensland, be permitted to remain in the NPL.

c) No Club participating in any proposed NSD, will be permitted to enter any U23 or Reserve grade teams into NPL Queensland unless their Senior Team is also competing in that League as a consequence of the NSD being a Champions League format outlined in section 4.5.b.ii..

d) Any Club who is promoted into any NSD from the NPL and currently retains an Advanced Junior Football Participation licence (U9 to U18) will continue to participate in those Advanced Junior leagues, notwithstanding the requirement to meet all annual participation licence conditions etc.

4.5.2 Relegation

a) Any Club that is relegated from any future NSD, because of performance or sporting merit, may return to the NPL Queensland with the precondition that the returning Club was originally promoted from the NPL Queensland.

b) Any Club relegated from any NSD, must meet and comply with all NPL Queensland licence criteria which will be submitted via the CLAS system and approved by the First Instance Body in accordance with Football Australia's National Licencing and accreditation scheme.

c) Any Club that is relegated from a NSD who was not promoted originally out of the NPL Queensland will not automatically re-enter the lower league (FQPL 1-6) across the advanced Football Queensland pyramid from where they were promoted, instead they will need to re-enter the pyramid from the lowest level of FQPL league at the time and comply with the licence requirements of that division.

4.5.3 Advanced Junior Leagues

a) No Club participating in any proposed NSD will be provided any special access to any advanced junior competitions across Queensland.

b) All Clubs who are invited to submit FQ Academy Advanced Junior participation licences will be required to meet the relevant conditions associated with those participation licences.

c) Participation in or access to advanced junior competitions is granted subject to completion of the FQ Club Assessment and other conditions.

4.6 Competitions Points

a) Teams will play in Competition Fixtures as scheduled by Football Queensland.

b) No match results are to be recorded for the U9-U12 Age Groups.

c) The following points will be awarded for all Competitive competition matches during the Regular Season:

Result	Points Accumulated
Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Forfeit Received	3 Points and a winning 3-0 result
Forfeit Given	0 Points and a losing 0-3 result
Bye	0 points

4.7 Competition Placings

a) The position of each Club at the end of the Regular Season will be determined based on the following criteria for all competitions:

iii. Highest number of points accumulated during the Regular Season.

iv. If two (2) or more Clubs are level on points accumulated, the following criteria will be applied, in order, until one (1) of the Clubs can be determined as the higher ranked:

v. Highest goal difference.

vi. Highest number of goals scored.

vii. Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the Clubs concerned.

viii. Highest goal difference in matches between the Clubs concerned.

ix. Lowest number of red cards accumulated throughout the regular season.

x. Lowest number of yellow cards accumulated throughout the regular season; and

xi. Toss of a coin in the event of a tie of two (2) Clubs or drawing of lots in the event of a tie of three (3) or more Clubs.

4.8 Finals Series

a) The format and schedule of the Finals Series for each Football Queensland competition will be determined at Football Queensland's sole and absolute discretion.

b) The top four (4) teams in each competition at the conclusion of the Regular Season will participate in a Finals Series.

c) The Final Series for the teams listed will be played over a two (2) week period in the specified Finals Series format outlined below.

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Semi-Final 1	2nd v 3rd
	2	Semi-Final 2	1st v 4th
2	3	Grand Final	Highest Placed Semi Final Winner v Lowest Placed Semi Final Winner

d) The Club who wins each respective Grand Final will be crowned Grand Final Winners and will be awarded the Grand Final Winner's Trophy as Champions.

e) To be eligible to play for a team in the Finals Series, a player must have been listed on Squadi Team Sheets and taken to the field for a minimum of 6 of the competition rounds for that team or any lower divisions/age groups.

f) In competitions where interchange rules apply, all players listed on the Squadi Team Sheet will be for the purpose of 4.7.e, be deemed to have taken to the field of play.

g) A player who is eligible to play in finals at a particular divisional level is eligible to play in finals in any team higher than that level (Subject to Player Eligibility and Borrowing Rules) without affecting their eligibility for their qualified level throughout the Finals Series. E.g., U14 FQ Academy League 1 Boys player is eligible to play in the Finals Series for the U14 team and the U15 FQ Academy League 1 Boys team (without an application/Exception).

h) If a player does not meet the minimum number of games required to be eligible to play in the Finals Series of any of the above competitions, Clubs are eligible to submit a dispensation request for approval for players to participate in the Finals Series under exceptional circumstances, not limited to but including;

xii. Injury.

xiii. Date of Registration.

xiv. Player availability.

xv. Circumstances that prevented the player from playing the requisite number of matches.

5 MATCH DAY PROCEDURES

5.1 Competition Scheduling

a) Football Queensland will schedule the dates, times and venues of all matches in collaboration with Clubs and their requested preferences. Draft draws will be released to Clubs to allow for feedback prior to the commencement of the season. Football Queensland reserves the right to schedule matches on any day, time and venue and in any format in alignment with the best interests of the competition(s). This includes scheduling matches to accommodate media requirements and Match official appointments. Football Queensland reserves the right to reschedule matches in its absolute discretion.

b) All Football Queensland matches take precedence in scheduling over non-FA affiliated matches at all Football Queensland Clubs.

c) Listed below is the day on which each age group will be predominantly scheduled during the 2024 Football Queensland season. Matches must be scheduled sequentially as specified by Football Queensland.

Age Group/Competition	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior Competitions	Yes	Yes	Yes
U13-U18 FQ Academy League 1-4 Boys	Yes *Term 1 and 3 Only*	Yes *Term 1 and 3 Only*	Yes
U13-U17 FQ Academy Leagues Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes
U9-U12 FQ Academy Leagues	No	Yes	Yes

5.1.1 Senior Competitions

a) NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women will normally be scheduled between Friday and Sunday each week.

b) Where two or more senior teams from the same Club are playing at home on the same day, these matches must be scheduled consecutively where possible.

c) Day & Time Scheduling/Rescheduling Guide:

Midweek/Friday:

- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 6pm.
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence later than 8.30pm.

Saturday:

- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 11.00am.
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence later than 8:30pm.

Sunday:

- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 9.00am.
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence later than 7.00pm.

d) This is a general guide and Football Queensland reserves the right to schedule games outside of these times if required or if exemptions are granted.

e) Exemptions may be granted in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree, for any fixture(s). Any request for an exception must be submitted in writing to Football Queensland for approval and the decision made will be final. The request must be submitted in line with the fixture amendment process.

f) Where there are clashes between the First Team and the Under 23's (i.e., teams from the same Club at different venues), the First Team match will take priority for scheduling and the Under 23's will be scheduled to avoid any clash (either with sufficient time between the matches on the same day or on a different day).

g) In the final two rounds of the Regular Season, all fixtures in each respective league (NPL-FQPL2 Men & Women including U23s) will be scheduled to kick off at the same time, on the same day, for competition integrity purposes. There will be no opportunity to reschedule these fixtures except due to weather.

5.1.2 Junior Competitions

a) Day & Time Scheduling/Rescheduling:

Monday-Friday:

- No junior matches will be scheduled to commence before 6pm.
- No U13 - U14 matches will be scheduled to commence later than 8pm.
- No U15 matches will be scheduled to commence later than 8:15pm.
- No U16 - U18 matches will be scheduled to commence later than 8:30pm.

Saturday:

- No junior matches will be scheduled to commence before 8.00am.
- No junior matches will be scheduled to commence later than 7pm.

Sunday:

- No junior matches will be scheduled to commence before 8.00am.
- No junior matches will be scheduled to commence later than 6.00pm.

b) This is a general guide and Football Queensland reserves the right to scheduled games outside of these times if required or if exemptions are granted.

c) Exemptions may be granted in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree, for any fixture(s). Any request for an exception must be submitted in writing to Football Queensland for approval and the decision made will be final. The request must be submitted in line with the fixture amendment process.

d) All U13-U18 FQ Academy League 1-4 Boys fixtures must be scheduled on Sundays only during Term 2 to assist with avoiding school football clashes and subsequent player workload concerns during this period. Further to this, Clubs in FQ Academy League 1-2 U16 & U18 Boys competitions will have the opportunity to 'opt-in' to have their fixtures played midweek during Term 2.

5.2 Duration of Matches

a) The following will apply to all scheduled matches:

Competition	Duration	Interval	Injury/Stoppage Time
Seniors (First Team & U23s)	2 x 45 mins	15 mins	Yes, at Match official discretion
U18	2 x 45 mins	10 - 15 mins	No
U15, U16 & U17	2 x 40 mins	5 - 10 mins	No
U13 & U14	2 x 35 mins	5 mins	No

U10, U11 & U12	3 x 20 mins	5 mins	No
U9	3 x 15 mins	5 mins	No

5.2.1 Added Time

a) Match officials will play additional 'injury and stoppage time' at the conclusion of each half in Senior Matches of the Leagues governed by these RoC.

b) In a First Team Match, should a delay be experienced (e.g. Serious injury to a player that requires suspension of play while the player is treated or transported from the Venue) the match official will record the lapsed time and ensure it is added to the match duration. If the elapsed time between the suspension of play and recommencement of play is longer than 45 minutes the match official will abandon the match and it will be replayed at a date in accordance with these RoC.

c) The match official shall be the sole keeper of time in all matches.

5.2.2 Extra Time and Penalties

a) There will be no extra time or penalty shoot-outs played in matches during the Regular Season in the event of scores being equal at the conclusion of regular time.

b) If the scores are equal at the conclusion of regular time in any Finals Series match, extra time will be played as follows to determine a winner:

Age Groups	Extra Time
Seniors (First Team & U23s)	Two (2) full periods of fifteen (15) minutes
Junior (U13-U18)	Two (2) full periods of ten (10) minutes

c) For all matches that proceed to extra time, there will be an interval of five (5) minutes before the commencement of extra time.

d) For all matches that proceed to extra time, there will be an interval of two (2) minutes between the whistle ending the first period of extra time to the whistle starting the second period of extra time.

e) If the scores are still equal after extra time, then a penalty shoot-out in accordance with FIFA regulations will be taken to determine the winner.

5.3 Substitution and Interchange

5.3.1 Substitution - Senior (not including U23 NPL/FQPL 1-2 Women)

a) First Teams in the NPL/FQPL 1-2 as well as the NPL/FQPL 1-2 U23 Men will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes;

i. To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game; in addition to these opportunities' substitutions may also be made at half-time;

ii. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for each team;

iii. First Teams in the NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women and NPL/FQPL 1-2 U23 Men will be permitted to have up to a maximum of 17 players listed on the Squadi Team Sheet (including a Reserve

Goalkeeper if desired).

b) Once a player is substituted, they cannot return to the field of play to participate in the match.

c) Only players that take the pitch (are substituted on) are deemed to have participated in the match.

5.3.2 Interchange – U23 NPL/FQPL 1-2 Women & All FQ Academy Leagues

a) Unlimited interchange of players is permissible at any time during the game. A player who has been replaced may return to the field for another Player.

b) The maximum number of players able to be listed on the Squadi Team Sheet in all interchange competitions is 16, with the exception of the U13 age group which is limited to 14.

c) An interchange can only occur when the ball is out of play.

d) Interchange players cannot be used to replace any player who has been dismissed from the match by the match official, subject to the application of any specific 'Sin Bin' regulations.

e) Any player listed on the Squadi Team Sheet is deemed to have participated in the match.

5.3.3 General Interchange/Substitution

a) A match official may decline the interchange and/or substitution of players in the last ten (10) minutes of a competition fixture if in his or her opinion the change is being made to deliberately delay play.

b) Only players listed on the Squadi Team Sheet before the match commences are permitted to take part in the match.

c) All interchange and/or substitute players must be seated within the Technical Area.

d) For all age grades during Finals Series, substitution and interchanges rules will remain as applied through the Regular Season.

e) If any Finals Series match in a substitution competition proceeds to extra time, one additional substitution may be used with one extra substitution opportunity available. This brings each team's total to six (6) substitutes at four (4) substitution opportunities throughout the entirety of the fixture.

5.4 Technical Area

a) Only registered players and registered team officials are permitted in the Technical Area.

   i. Players not participating in the match are not permitted to occupy the Technical Area. Only players and team officials listed on the Squadi Team Sheet and are appropriately registered/accredited are permitted in the Technical Area.

   ii. A player or team official who is under suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.

   iii. All players in the Technical Area must wear a bib or alternative coloured uniform to the colours worn by players of both teams, match officials, and substitutes of the opposing team.

   iv. All players must remain seated unless moving to and from warm-up.

   v. One (1) person in the Technical Area is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the Technical Area.

   vi. All other members of the Technical Team and Substitutes must be seated while in the Technical

Area.

vii. The Coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the Technical Area, except in special circumstances, for example, a team physio or doctor entering the field of play, with the match official's permission, to assess an injured player.

b) In all fixtures, a maximum of five (5) registered team officials are permitted to occupy the Technical Area, all of which must be listed on the Squadi Team Sheet.

c) All occupants of the Technical Area must behave in a responsible manner. The match official has the right to eject any person from the Technical Area at any time as he or she sees fit. The game will not recommence until that person has left to the match official's satisfaction.

d) Smoking and consuming alcohol within the confines of the player barrier/fence is strictly prohibited. This includes the team bench within the Technical Area and all its occupants.

5.5 Playing Strips and Clash of Colours

a) All Clubs are required to submit their main and alternate kit colours to Football Queensland prior to the Competition commencing for approval. Clubs playing strips for NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women must include a 'light kit' and a 'dark kit'. The Kit Colours will be recorded and published in a central location for Clubs to access.

b) All Home Clubs must wear their nominated main kit for all matches.

c) In the case of a colour clash, the Away Club will be required to wear their alternate kit or a combination of the alternate playing kit and their main playing kit to resolve any clash of colour.

d) Clubs and match officials should refer to the following table which lists which items of the strip are permitted to clash for different Leagues.

Kit Item	NPL & FQPL 1-2 Men & Women	FQ Academy Juniors
Jersey	No clash permitted	No clash permitted
Shorts	Clash permitted	Clash permitted
Socks	No clash permitted	Clash permitted

e) During any fixture, the teams of the same Club must wear the same colour playing kit unless otherwise expressly ordered by the match official to resolve the clash with the match official's kit.

f) Unless already determined and communicated by Football Queensland, the match official will be the sole decision maker of a clash of colours.

g) In the case of goal keeper's colours clashing with either the opponent's field players, goalkeeper or the match official's kit, the match official will determine which keeper will change, always keeping in mind the principle that the visiting team should change.

h) In the case of a combination of main and alternate kit colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the match official will determine the final colours to be worn by all players and match officials.

i) If a Competition Fixture does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that a Club did not comply with the requirements above, the offending Club may be deemed to have forfeited the match and subject to a fine as per the 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

j) Should a match official proceed with a match in which a Club has not complied with the requirements

above, the match official is to report this to Football Queensland. The offending Club will be fined as per the 2024 Fines and Penalties document and provided with a warning. If any team within the offending Club repeats the same offence they will be penalised with a forfeit.

5.6 Match Balls

a) Each Club must use the official match ball in its promotional and advertising activities in relation to all Football Queensland Competitions and ensure that the logo of the League's match ball supplier featured on the ball is not obscured, altered, or deleted when used in any such Club promotions or advertising.

   i. In NPL Men and Women Competitions (Inc. U23s), the Home Team shall provide the match official with three (3) Mitre Ultimax Pro match balls no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled Competition Fixture.

   ii. In FQPL 1-2 Men Women Competitions (Inc. U23s), the Home Team shall provide the match official with three (3) Mitre Ultimax One match balls no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled Competition Fixture.

   iii. In all FQ Academy Leagues, the Home Team shall provide the match official with three (3) Mitre Delta One match balls no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled Competition Fixture.

b) Clubs must have additional Mitre match balls of the appropriate standard ready for use in the event that any of the three (3) nominated Mitre match balls are lost or damaged during a fixture.

c) Failure to supply the appropriate Mitre match balls as per sections 5.6.a and 5.6.b may result in a fine as per the 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

d) Football Queensland will provide the match balls for all Senior Grand Finals, and they are to be consistent with the balls used throughout the season.

e) The host Club will provide the match balls for all FQ Academy Junior Grand Finals, and they are to be consistent with the balls used throughout the season.

5.7 Squadi Team Sheet

a) Clubs must adhere to the requirements relating to the use of electronic team sheets in Squadi, results reporting and match data recording, as prescribed by FQ through Squadi. If Clubs require support using the system, they are to email or call FQ Competitions.

b) Clubs must list on the Squadi Team Sheet all players and team officials taking part in a Competition Fixture, with correct jersey numbers assigned and ID photos loaded.

c) All NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women First Team Squadi Team Sheets must be submitted by no later than **2:00pm Friday** prior to the scheduled weekend fixture, or 2.00pm on the day prior to a midweek fixture. The Squadi Team Sheet will lock 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time for the fixture, allowing for late changes to be made if required.

d) All U23 and FQ Academy Junior competitions require the correct submission of the Squadi Team Sheet by no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time for the fixture.

e) If a Club disagrees with any of the details on the Squadi Team Sheet prior to the commencement of the fixture, the fixture must still take place as per the fixtured start time.

f) A Club may be charged with Misconduct if:

i. No Squadi Team Sheet is submitted prior to the deadlines outlined in these regulations: or

ii. Any player listed on the Squadi Team Sheet is ineligible in accordance with either these regulations or any FQ Regulations; or

iii. More than the permitted number of players are listed on the Squadi Team Sheet; or

iv. It fails to correctly list on the Squadi Team Sheet the shirt number, ID photo and name for each player, or adds players to the Squadi Team Sheet after the 15 minute deadline prior to the scheduled kick-off time (without the match official's permission).

g) Any breaches as per section 5.7.f shall be processed in accordance with section 1.2 and/or the 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

h) If a Club disagrees with any of the details on a Squadi Team Sheet (either its own or the opposition's), the Club must indicate any disputed information by emailing competitions@footballqueensland.com.au. Only the following information can be disputed:

i. Goal Scorers.

ii. Red and Yellow Cards.

iii. Final score.

iv. Player eligibility.

i) Any Club is permitted to lodge a protest regarding the alleged fielding of an Ineligible Player(s) through Squadi as per the process outlined in section 2.3.b.

j) FQ reserves the right to amend the Squadi Team Sheets and will only do so if FQ is satisfied that there was no malice or intent to gain an advantage. In this instance, Clubs may not be charged with Misconduct, and FQ's decision is final in this regard and is not subject to appeal.

5.7.1 Match Official Entry of Squadi Team Sheet

a) Match officials are to submit all match results and incidents in Squadi at the conclusion of their games. This is integral in ensuring match official payment. Football Queensland reserves the right to withhold match official payment until this information is received in conjunction with a match official's stipulated role and responsibility.

b) If no Football Queensland match official is appointed to a match, it is the responsibility of the **HOME** Club to enter the results of the match by **9am Tuesday** following the weekend fixtures (Fri-Sun) and by **midday the following day** for mid-week fixtures (Mon-Thu).

5.7.2 U9-U12 FQ Academy League Squadi Team Sheets

a) For auditing and registration purposes each team in the U9-U12 FQ Academy Leagues is required to submit a Squadi Team Sheet for at least one (1) fixture by no later than Round 4 of the competition. Teams that do not submit a Squadi Team Sheet with the full contingency of players by Round 4 may be subject to ineligible player fines or withdrawal from the competition.

5.8 Match Commissioners

a) Football Queensland may appoint Match Commissioners, to scheduled matches, in conjunction with the Football Australia Disciplinary Regulations and Football Queensland Disciplinary Policy.

b) Should a Match Commissioner report non-compliance, a Breach Notice and/ or fine may be issued to the Club who must address and remedy the issues raised within a timeframe agreed upon after consultation with Football Queensland.

5.9 Ground Officials

a) It is the responsibility of the Home and Away Club to both provide a minimum of one (1) Club representative to act in the role of 'Ground Official' for all competition fixtures. Failure to provide a Ground Official within fifteen (15) minutes of the nominated kick-off time will result in the offending Club/Team being fined as per the 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

b) The Ground Officials must always be clearly visible, wearing an identifiable fluorescent vest and located near the field of play.

c) A Ground Official must be over the age of 18 and cannot be involved in any other duties whilst acting in this capacity (i.e. not officiating, coaching, canteen, or bar duties, etc). The Ground Official cannot consume alcohol 6 hours prior to or on duty.

d) The Ground Official(s) must make themselves known to the match officials at least 10 minutes prior to the match and provide an escort for all match officials before kick-off, at half time and full time. A match official may refuse to commence a fixture if no Ground Official is present. Should a match official not present themselves 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time the match official may abandon the match.

e) A full list of Ground Official Roles and Responsibilities can be found here.

f) Football Queensland may vary the minimum Ground Official requirements for any Competition Fixture at any time.

g) Any Club found in breach of not providing a Ground Official or not fulfilling the roles and responsibilities of a Ground Official is liable to be fined as per the 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

5.10 Medical Coverage

a) All Clubs must provide spectator and player medical support service during match days in compliance with the minimum standards contained in the following table:

Age Grades	Responsibility of Coverage	Minimum Requirements
NPL/FQPL 1 Men & Women (U23 & First Team)	Both Clubs to Provide	SMA Level 2 Sports Trainer
FQPL 2 Men & Women (U23 & First Team)	Home Club to Provide	SMA Level 1 Sports Trainer
FQ Academy Juniors	Home Club to Provide	SMA Level 1 Sports Trainer

b) All Sports Trainers and Physiotherapists must be registered with the Club in Squadi.

5.10.1 Concussion Management

a) Any player with a suspected concussion should be immediately removed from play and should not be returned to activity until they are assessed by a qualified medical practitioner as per the FA Concussion Guidelines. There should be no return to play on the day of a concussive injury.

5.11 Media Operations

a) Due to obligations to Football Queensland partners and rights holders, each Club must ensure that they comply with the 2024 Match Day Deliverables and 2024 Media and Marketing Guidelines, which will be provided by Football Queensland. If you require further information on Media Operations and the Deliverables/Guidelines, please email media@footballqueensland.com.au.

b) Failure to comply with any article of the 2024 Match Day Deliverables and 2024 Media or Marketing Guidelines will be dealt with under these RoC as per the Table of Offences and/or section 1.2.

5.12 Host Venues

a) The venue for competition matches will be nominated upon entry and provided by each Club in their licence agreement stipulations and are subject to inspection and confirmation by Football Queensland.

b) Should a Home Club's first choice venue not be available for scheduled matches for whatever reason, it is the Home Club's responsibility to secure an alternate venue that meets the Minimum Venue Standards for any affected matches. If required, Football Queensland will inspect and approve this venue for Match Day.

c) Football Queensland reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the Season, including but not limited to rescheduling matches to the 'Away Club' venue, or to a neutral venue or deeming the fixture a forfeit against the Club unable to host. Any decision regarding the scheduling of fixtures will be at the absolute discretion of Football Queensland and not open to appeal.

d) In all instances any costs incurred in the rescheduling of matches will be the responsibility of the original Home Club.

e) Venue and field inspections for perspective Final Series hosts will be performed by Football Queensland prior to approval for hosting rights for a match. Any decision to move venues following this inspection will be at the absolute discretion of Football Queensland and not open to appeal.

f) The selection of venues for all Finals Series matches, including Semi and Grand Finals, will be at the absolute discretion of Football Queensland. A decision to allocate finals series matches will be made based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to venue availability, venue, and field condition, commercial, marketing, and financial considerations.

g) Semi Final Matches will be held at the Home Team venue, subject to the venue being deemed suitable for play by Football Queensland. (If the Home Team is unable to host the match, then it will be held at the Away Team venue or a venue determined by Football Queensland).

h) All Grand Finals will be held at neutral venues where possible, as determined by Football Queensland.

5.13 Extreme Weather Events

5.13.1.1 Wet Weather General

a) All correspondence by Football Queensland sent to Clubs in relation to wet weather shall be deemed to have been received by Clubs. It is therefore essential for Clubs to do the following:

   i. Ensure your contacts for the Club are up to date with Football Queensland's Club Contacts and in Squadi.

   ii. Ensure the contact(s) has supplied a mobile phone number with their contact details to Football Queensland.

b) Each Club is only responsible for notifying their own Club members of field closures.

5.13.2 Mid-week & Friday Night Cancellations

a) If a Club deems that its fields are unplayable as a result of wet weather, Clubs must contact Football Queensland using the Wet Weather number provided no later than **3:30pm** on the afternoon of the match. The **HOME** Club is responsible for submitting the notification via Squadi, with Football Queensland to then determine whether matches proceed.

b) If Football Queensland elects to postpone a match, Squadi will generate a notification to both Clubs.

c) If matches have not been postponed by **3:30pm**, it is then the Match official's (this includes Club Match officials) decision, on arrival, as to whether matches are to go ahead. Should the Match official postpone matches, the **Match official** must submit an abandoned match notification via Squadi.

d) Should a match be postponed after 3:30pm Clubs will incur a charge of 50% of the assigned match official fees.

e) If any **HOME** Club does not abide by the Wet Weather Procedures, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match and will be subject to the Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in Section 5.16. Compensation may also be payable to the affected travelling team, as determined by FQ in their sole and absolute discretion.

5.13.3 Saturday & Sunday Cancellations

a) If a Club deems that its fields are unplayable as a result of wet weather, Clubs must contact Football Queensland using the Wet Weather number provided **no less than three (3) hours prior to the kick-off time**, of the first scheduled match of the day. The only exception to this is for matches scheduled before 9:30am, in this instance the Home Club is required to contact Football Queensland as above by 6:30am. The **HOME** Club is responsible for contacting Football Queensland, with Football Queensland to then determine whether matches proceed.

b) If Football Queensland elects to postpone a match, Squadi will generate a notification to both Clubs.

c) If matches have not been postponed by three hours before the scheduled kick-off time, it is then the Match official's (this includes Club Match officials) decision, on arrival, as to whether matches are to go ahead. Should the Match official postpone matches, the **Match official** must submit an abandoned match notification via Squadi.

d) Should a match be postponed less than three hours before kick-off Clubs will incur a charge of 50% of the assigned match official fees.

e) If any **HOME** Club does not abide by the Wet Weather Procedures, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match and will be subject to the Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in Section 5.16. Compensation may also be payable to the affected travelling team, as determined by FQ in their sole and absolute discretion. Any decision regarding Wet Weather Procedures and compensation is not subject to

appeal.

5.13.4 Adverse Weather - Heat

a) The Match official and/or Football Queensland delegate should refer to the FQ Heat Policy to determine one of the following;

   i. To play the match under standard conditions.

   ii. To play the match with provision for drinks break; or

   iii. To delay or postpone the match.

b) The decision to incorporate these provisions should be based primarily on the assessment of the potential medical risk of playing in the heat to both the players and match officials, while also considering the increased temperatures that are present when playing on synthetic pitches.

c) Any decision to play a match under altered match conditions can only be made with reference to these published Competition Rules and the Match Day procedures.

5.13.5 Delayed, Suspended, Abandoned Postponed & Cancelled Matches

a) If no decision is made as per the processes outlined in sections 5.13 and one or both Teams and the match officials have arrived at the venue, the Match official will inspect the field of play and decide whether play can take place:

   i. At all; or

   ii. Providing no further rain falls.

b) The following alternatives apply to matches in relation to severe adverse weather conditions and/or major injury issues;

c) **Suspended** – a fixture may be suspended but not for an unreasonable length of time;

   i. Once a match has commenced, the Match official has sole responsibility to determine if the match should be suspended or abandoned. The Match official has the discretion to confer with the key match day stakeholders prior to the decision being taken.

   ii. The decision to suspend a match will be made at the match venue by the Match official.

d) **Abandoned** – a fixture may be abandoned post commencement with the result to be determined based on the following:

   i. In the event of a match being abandoned at half-time or during the second (2nd) half of the match due to adverse weather or any cause over which neither Club nor Match official has control, the match result at the time of abandonment will be declared the final result.

   ii. In the event of a match being abandoned before half-time due to weather conditions or any cause over which neither the Club or Match official has control, the match will be declared a postponed match and rescheduled in accordance with section 5.14.

   iii. Any Club who is found to be responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the abandonment of a fixture may be subject to further penalties. In the case of loss of points, the opposing team will be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0), or the actual goal difference, whichever is greater.

   iv. Clubs may submit a request to Football Queensland for an abandoned match to be replayed but must do so within five (5) days of the match being abandoned. Football Queensland will

consider the following regarding any request for a replay:

- Reasons why the match was abandoned
- The time of abandonment.
- Result of the match at the time of abandonment.
- The impact of the final league standings.
- Factors that may affect the opportunity for scheduling the match to be replayed.

v. The decision of Football Queensland on whether to grant a replay will be final and this shall not be subject to appeal. Any replayed match will be played in full.

vi. Any yellow card issued during an abandoned match will be upheld if that match is not replayed or expunged if that match is replayed. A direct red card issued during an abandoned match will be upheld regardless of whether the match is replayed or not.

e) **Postponed –** a fixture may be postponed and rescheduled in accordance with Section 5.14.

f) **Cancelled** – a fixture may be cancelled in accordance with Section 5.17.

5.14 Rescheduling Matches

5.14.1 NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men & Women (inc. U23s)

a) All matches to be rescheduled will automatically be rescheduled to be played on the Tuesday immediately following the originally scheduled match date, noting the below provisions.

i. It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that their nominated venue (or another Football Queensland approved venue) is available for the match.

ii. If both the First Team and U23 games need to be rescheduled, they will be played back-to-back. If the washed-out fixture is between two Clubs that crossover geographical zones (Sunshine Coast, Metro North, Metro South, Darling Downs, South Coast), or the Home Club has a lighting curfew earlier than 10:00pm, the First Team may automatically be scheduled on Tuesday and the U23s may automatically be scheduled on Wednesday.

iii. In the event NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men's and Women's First Team are cancelled on the same weekend with the same host Club, Football Queensland will determine which games will be played on Tuesday. The other matches will be scheduled on Wednesday.

iv. In the event that one of the clubs involved in the fixture has an existing midweek fixture in the week immediately following the original scheduled fixture, Football Queensland may reschedule the fixture to the next available midweek slot utilising the provisions above.

v. Football Queensland at its discretion may determine that due to certain circumstances (such as distance between Clubs) that a match may be rescheduled to the nearest designated catch-up weekend or another date as determined by FQ.

b) Should an entire round of matches be postponed, all matches may be rescheduled to the nearest designated catch-up round. The days and kick-off times will remain the same for all matches.

i. If all designated catch-up weekends are exhausted, Football Queensland will determine when and where the affected match/s will be rescheduled.

c) Football Queensland may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reschedule a league fixture to avoid a clash with a Cup competition fixture, or to ensure adequate recovery time for a team before or after a Cup competition fixture.

d) Football Queensland may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reschedule a league fixture to accommodate media and live streaming requirements on a given weekend.

e) Football Queensland retains the right to make the final decision regarding the rescheduling of all matches.

f) If the designated Home Club does not have a venue to play night matches or is unable to provide another Football Queensland approved venue to play the match, the match will be played at the nominated venue of the Away Club.

    i. If neither Club has a venue to play the scheduled match, the match will be played at a neutral venue.

g) If a Club refuses to play a rescheduled match as per these Competition Rules, the match may be declared a forfeit and awarded to the opposition Club as a win with a 3-0 score line.

h) Matches must be rescheduled with a minimum gap of 48 hours from other scheduled or rescheduled fixtures, unless Football Queensland determines a match needs to be played and other options are not available.

5.14.2 FQ Academy Leagues (U13-U18)

a) All matches postponed due to severe weather may be rescheduled to the nearest designated Catch-Up round. The days and kick-off times will remain the same for all matches where possible. If the fields are in use through scheduled regular season fixtures Football Queensland reserves the right to adjust the match to an alternative time or location during the Catch-Up round. Football Queensland's decision whether to utilise a Catch-Up round will be made at its sole and absolute discretion.

b) If all designated Catch-Up rounds are exhausted or Football Queensland determines that the matches must be rescheduled as midweek fixtures Clubs will be advised of this information and the HOME Club will have five (5) days to respond with advice of their preferred option(s) for rescheduling.

c) If the HOME Club fails to provide a response within five (5) days of Football Queensland sending the request, Football Queensland may reschedule an alternate date as required or the match may be awarded to the AWAY Club with a 3-0 score line and the HOME Club may be fined (See 2024 Fines and Penalties document).

d) If the proposed date provided by the HOME Club gives less than fourteen (14) days' notice, the HOME Club must obtain the AWAY Club's agreement. The AWAY Club cannot refuse a rescheduled match option that provides at least fourteen (14) days' notice. Football Queensland reserves the right to decide regarding the suitability of the date proposed, which will be final.

e) If the designated Home Club cannot provide a venue to play the match(es) or is unable to provide another suitable Football Queensland approved venue to play the match, the match will be played at the nominated venue of the Away Club.

f) If neither Club has a venue to play the scheduled match, Football Queensland will designate a neutral venue to play the match.

g) If a Club refuses to play a rescheduled match as per these competition rules, the match may be declared a forfeit and awarded to the opposition Club as a win with a 3-0 score line.

h) Pursuant to the provisions of the above rules, the following points must be taken into consideration when rescheduling postponed fixtures:

    i. Should an entire division's round of matches be postponed Football Queensland reserves the right to move any individual matches scheduled in the next available Catch-Up round to midweek to allow for a complete round of fixtures to be played during the Catch-Up round.

    ii. Matches must be rescheduled with a minimum gap of 48 hours from other scheduled/rescheduled fixtures unless both teams agree, or Football Queensland determines a

match needs to be played and other options are not available.

iii. In the event of the rescheduling of a fixture in the final four weeks of the season, the Club response timeframes, outlined above, will be reduced to 48 hours (Club to respond in this time) and 7 days (Clubs to play no less than 7 days from date of advice).

i) Football Queensland reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the rescheduling of all fixtures.

5.15 Alterations to Fixtures

5.15.1 Requests to Amend/Postpone/Reschedule - Senior Competitions

a) Clubs seeking to amend or postpone matches must come to an agreement with one another and submit their request along with details of the rescheduled match details, **giving a minimum 21 days'** notice of the scheduled match.

b) If Clubs are unable to provide rescheduled match details, Football Queensland will determine the details for the rescheduled match, which will be final.

c) Deferred matches not rescheduled and played for any reason before the final round of the regular season will result in the match being cancelled and the result recorded as a nil all draw (0 – 0).

5.15.2 Request to Postpone/Reschedule Fixtures Due to Representative Duties

a) Any team with four or more players unavailable due to representative outdoor football duties, at Football Queensland/Football Federation Australia approved tournaments including state-wide school representative tournaments, will be entitled to have their fixture rescheduled upon application. Supporting evidence must be provided in an application. Applications must be made at least 14 days prior to the scheduled fixture.

b) Football Queensland will determine what is reasonable, and the decision will be final. Applications due to involvement in local inter-school sport or non-representative sanctioned competitions including but not limited to the Kanga Cup, will not be considered.

c) Should Football Queensland approve the application to reschedule the match, the process as outlined in Section 5.14 will be followed.

5.15.3 Request to Postpone/Reschedule Fixtures Due to School Commitments (Junior Competitions Only)

a) Applications due to school commitments/functions will be assessed on their merits. All applications must be accompanied by a letter from the School Principal/Curriculum Coordinator/Year Coordinator on School letterhead outlining how the event relates to the education curriculum. The application must be received at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled fixture. The decision of Football Queensland shall be in its absolute discretion and the decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

b) If Football Queensland approves the application to reschedule the match, the process defined in Section 5.14 will be followed.

5.15.4 Requests to Amend/Postpone/Reschedule Fixtures - Junior Competitions

a) If teams are affected by circumstances outside of their control and are asking for consideration to postpone fixtures, application must be made in writing to competitions@footballqueensland.com.au. Supporting documentation must be provided and each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

b) Requests submitted with more than 14 days' notice of the scheduled match must provide the following:

   i. Evidence and documentation as to why the match needs to be amended.

   ii. Written agreement from the opposition.

   iii. A new match date, time and venue that;
   - Meets scheduling requirements as per section 5.1
   - Has a 48-hour buffer from any other scheduled matches that may impact either team.
   - Meets facility standards including lighting if the match is to be scheduled at night.
   - Consideration for match official appointments (i.e. the pairing of the games).

c) Requests made inside 14 days' notice of the scheduled match must provide the following:

   All requirements outlined in 5.15.4.b, as well as;

   Available registered Club match officials that may replace Football Queensland match officials for the match and any paired matches if Football Queensland Match officials are unable to meet the new appointments.

d) NOTE: requests made outside of standard business hours just before a match will not be addressed. If Clubs do not proceed with the scheduled match, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match and be liable for any associated match official fees. Fines and penalties may also apply.

e) Football Queensland will take the following points into consideration on deciding if a match should be postponed due to exceptional circumstances;

   - The exceptional circumstance and supporting documentation on how the circumstance impacts the team including the number of team members that are affected (must be a minimum of 4 players).
   - The impact on match official appointments, (including paired games - ie the game before or after where the same match officials are appointed).
   - The availability of dates to replay the match.
   - The impact on the opposition and the league.
   - Field availability, including lighting should an evening match need to be scheduled.
   - Travel distances for teams and match officials.

f) Football Queensland's decision to postpone or reschedule a match will be final and not subject to appeal.

5.16 Forfeited Fixtures

a) Football Queensland retains the right to make the final decision regarding forfeited fixtures.

b) Any team that wishes to forfeit a match prior to the scheduled day and time must notify Football Queensland through Squadi. Football Queensland will then notify the opposition team and match officials.

c) In the event a team has insufficient numbers to play a fixtured match, the highest division in each age group takes priority and must be filled (includes First Team taking priority over U23s fixtures), consideration will be applied if the difference between the two teams is significant. If a Club fields a team

in a lower division but not the higher division, both teams may be deemed to have forfeited and subject to Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in the 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

d) Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a match when:

   i. They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a match on the appointed date, time or venue;

   ii. The venue is not ready for the scheduled fixture and minimum standards adhered to, within 30 minutes of the kick-off time, at the discretion of the match official.

   iii. They field less than seven (7) of their registered players at the start of any match;

   iv. At any point during the match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered players; or

   v. An Ineligible Player as defined in the Rules of Competition participates in the match.

e) In the event of any Team forfeiting its match, the following procedure will take effect;

   i. Full points allocated for the match will be forfeited to the opponent Team and the goals recorded as 3 goals by the Team receiving the points and 0 by the Team who has infringed the regulation, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than 3, in which case they will receive the number of goals scored for in the match, with the forfeiting Team receiving nil. Any Club who elects to forfeit a fixture will also be liable for a forfeit fine as per the 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

   ii. Clubs forfeiting on the day of scheduled matches will pay all appropriate match officials fees, irrespective of whether the match officials were in attendance and may be required to pay compensation to the opposing Club. Compensation will be determined by Football Queensland.

   iii. On a third forfeit, the Club involved will be required to Show Cause as to why they should not be expelled from the Competition.

f) Should a Team forfeit its last scheduled Regular Season match without prior written advice from Football Queensland permitting the match to be rescheduled, the Club that causes the forfeit will be ineligible to win the Premiership.

g) If a match is forfeited after the scheduled kick-off, the Squadi Team Sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the match official.

h) A team deemed to have forfeited may submit a request to review the forfeit if they believe the forfeit was caused by extraordinary circumstances. The request must be submitted by Club Management in writing (or Squadi incident report) to Football Queensland within three (3) days of the forfeit. Football Queensland will review the request and deliver a determination. Football Queensland's decision regarding the forfeit shall be in its absolute discretion and shall be final and not subject to appeal.

i) Any yellow or red cards issued to either team during a match that has been overturned and a forfeit declared will stand. If the match result is changed as per section 5.16.e any goal scorers for the team receiving the forfeit will remain, and any goal scorers will be removed for the team responsible for the forfeit.

j) If it is established that both Clubs competing in any Football Queensland competition match are deemed to have forfeited, the Clubs will be fined as per the 2024 Fines and Penalties document, and the following will apply:

   i. The match will be deemed as a NO RESULT, whereby, no points will be awarded.

   ii. Football Queensland may suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending Clubs or players.

   iii. If a Finals Series match or Cup match is declared a "No Result", Football Queensland may determine that the match be replayed.

5.17 Decision to Cancel

a) The decision to cancel and not reschedule a Regular Season match will be made by Football Queensland in its sole and absolute discretion.

b) A cancelled Regular Season match that is not rescheduled will be recorded as a nil-all draw with both Clubs awarded one (1) point.

5.18 Match Officials

a) All match Officials (including Club Referees) must be registered in Squadi before being able to officiate matches.

b) Football Queensland Match Officials must wear their uniform. This includes the Teal Shirt for First Year Referees and a pink arm bank for Match Officials deemed as a minor (Under the age of 18).

c) Football Queensland match official appointments will be published weekly on the Football Queensland Match Day Appointments Webpage. Football Queensland appointed match officials will display as FQ Referee next to each match. If the Referee/AR1/AR2 field next to the match is blank no FQ Match Official has been appointed in that position and clubs will need to appoint Club Match Officials.

d) Football Queensland Match Officials may wear Body Worn Video Cameras and may record incidents. This footage may be used in the FQ judiciary proceedings.

5.18.1 Match Officials Fees

e) All match officials' fees will be invoiced to the Club on a weekly basis, where applicable.

i. Regular Season Fixtures - fees are paid by the Home Club.

ii. The Match Official Fee Structure per competition can be found on the Football Queensland website.

iii. Semi Finals – fees will be shared equally by competing teams.

iv. Grand Finals – fees will be paid by Football Queensland.

v. Forfeited and abandoned matches – refer to 2024 Fines and Penalties document.

5.18.2 Non-Attendance or Unavailability of Match Official

a) Should the appointed match official fail to honour their appointment, then the next most senior match official will be appointed to take charge of the fixture; provided they are qualified to officiate the match. In the event of an appointed Match official failing to honour their appointment, please submit a Squadi incident report to advise FQ.

b) In the event the appointed Match official is late on arrival, then the replacement match official will take charge of the fixture until the appointed Match official is ready to take over. In circumstances where only one Assistant Match official has been appointed, the Home Team is requested to provide a Club Assistant to assist the Match official. If necessary, the Away Club may be asked to provide an Assistant. Please note, the game should not start without 2 Assistants, however this decision will be at the match official's discretion.

c) In circumstances where no Assistant Match officials have been appointed, the Home Team is requested

to provide two Club Assistants to assist the Match official. If necessary, the Away Club may be asked to provide an Assistant. Please note, the game should not start without 2 Assistants, however this decision will be at the match official's discretion.

If the parties can't agree on the above, but there is a Match official who has the appropriate accreditation, he/she shall Match official the game, which must be played.

d) Non-attendance or Unavailability of Match Officials - Senior Competitions:

   i. If the Home Team is unable to provide a match official, the Away Team may provide the match official. If neither team can provide a match official, they may choose to postpone the match. The Home Team manager must complete an abandoned match submission through Squadi as soon as possible. Both teams must agree within five (5) working days on a date for the rescheduling of the match and advise Football Queensland. If a reschedule is not agreed upon within this time, a 0-0 draw may be recorded as the result of the match. Football Queensland reserves the right to reschedule the match.

e) Non-attendance or Unavailability of Match Officials - Junior Competitions:

   i. All Clubs are expected to fulfil all fixtures regardless of whether a Football Queensland appointed match official is present to take charge, through the appointment of club match officials where required.

   ii. Should any Club fail or refuse to participate in any fixture on the above grounds, then the offending Club may be deemed to have forfeited the match.

6 TROPHIES, MEDALS AND AWARDS

a) Football Queensland reserves the right to alter or cancel any and all awards in exceptional circumstances. Should it be determined at any point in time in the opinion of Football Queensland that the conduct or behaviour (including such matters as criminal convictions) of an award winner is such that it is not in the interests of Football Queensland or the sport of Football to allow that person to retain the status of being an award winner, Football Queensland in its discretion may withdraw the award.

b) Football Queensland will present the following medals and trophies at the conclusion of the 2024 Season for all competitions:

i. Premiership Winners (First Team) will be presented prior to the Semi Final. U23s will only be presented if both U23s and First Team Finish Premiers and are therefore hosting back-to-back Semi Finals. Junior competitions will not be presented but distributed to Clubs:

- Premiership Perpetual Trophy – NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women First Team only.
- Premiership Replica Trophy or Plaque – All competitions.
- Premiership Medals – (x25 for Seniors / x20 for U14-U18 / x18 for U13)

ii. At the conclusion of all Grand Finals the following will be presented:

- Grand Final Winners Perpetual Trophy – NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women First Team only.
- Grand Final Winners Replica Trophy or Plaque – All competitions.
- Grand Final Winners Medals - (x25 for Seniors / x20 for U14-U18 / x18 for U13).
- Grand Final Runners Up Medals - (x25 for Seniors / x20 for U14-U18 / x18 for U13).
- Grand Final Match Officials - 1 Medal per match official appointed to the Grand Final (excluding the Match official Assessor).

c) Other awards for NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women First Team include; Golden Boot, Goalkeeper of the Year, Player of the Year, Young Player of the Year, Coach of the Year and Team of the Season. NPL Men & Women will have an additional Players Player award. A player or coach is ineligible to win any awards in any of the following circumstances:

i. A player or coach is suspended due to receiving a Direct Red Card (excluding R4 or R5) in a match, or due to a Disciplinary Committee Hearing or Match Review Panel into their conduct.

ii. A player or coach may still be included in the Team of the Season if suspended due to receiving a Red Card (Direct or Indirect) in a match or due to a Disciplinary Committee Hearing or Match Review Panel, subject to the discretion of Football Queensland.

iii. A player or coach is ineligible to win if they have played (defined as taken to the field of play) or coached in less than ten (10) First Team matches at the conclusion of the Regular Season.

d) In NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women First Team coaches are required to vote for the opposition team's best players in a 3-2-1 format for each regular season match. Club Managers are to liaise with the relevant coaching staff to ensure their team's 3-2-1 votes are submitted in Squadi by 9am on the Monday following the weekend's fixtures (or the day following a midweek fixture).

e) Match officials are required to vote in a 3-2-1 format for the best player of each NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women First Team Regular Season match. This vote must be submitted in Squadi after each Senior Men's/Women's match at the same time that the match details are recorded.

f) Criteria – Individual NPL/FQPL 1-2 Men and Women First Team Player Awards:

i. The Golden Boot is awarded to the highest goal scorer at the conclusion of the Regular Season. In the event of a tie, both players will receive an award.

ii. The Goalkeeper of the Year, Player of the Year, Young Player of the Year (aged 21 years or younger at the conclusion of the regular season), Coach of the Year and team of the Season will be determined based on a combination of the following:

- Coach 3-2-1 Votes per Match.
- Match official 3-2-1 Votes per Match.
- Team of the Season Votes – Submitted by Coaches immediately following the conclusion of the Regular Season.
- Any other reasonable justification as determined by Football Queensland. Such as disciplinary record or overall team performance.
- Player's Player Votes – Submitted immediately following the conclusion of the regular season by all players with 10 or more First Team appearances throughout the regular season (cannot vote for players from their own Club).

g) All perpetual trophies remain the property of Football Queensland. Clubs may retain Premiership/Grand Final Winners perpetual trophies at the Club premises for six (6) months. It is the responsibility of each Club to return any perpetual trophies to Football Queensland within this period.

h) Should a perpetual trophy be lost or damaged whilst under the care of the Club, the Club responsible for the loss or damage will be financially responsible for the repair and/or replacement of the trophy.

7 PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM RULES – FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND

7.1 Scope and Application

a) The Player Points System only applies to NPL Men and FQPL 1 Men First Team Squads only. Teams in these competitions must adhere to the PPS. Additional information, PPS Sheets and key changes will be made available to the Clubs competing in these competitions.

b) Overage Players (Born 2000 or earlier), professionally contracted players or Visa Players who do not appear on the PPS and take the field of play in the First Team, are deemed ineligible and subsequent penalties will apply.

c) Overage Players (Born 2000 or earlier) or professionally contracted players who do not appear on the PPS and take the field of play in the U23s, are deemed ineligible and subsequent penalties will apply.

8 DEFINITIONS

Abandoned Match – A Competition Fixture which has failed to commence for any reason or has commenced but has been stopped by the Match Official prior to its conclusion.

Age Group – The cohort of players defined by the year(s) they were born.

Away Club/Team – The Club/Team not playing the match at its home ground and/or appearing second on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

Been Listed – Refers to a player appearing on a Squadi Team Sheet.

Borrowed – Using a player in a game that ordinarily plays or is graded into another team e.g. An U13 Division 1 player being used by an U14 Division 1 team (in the same Club).

Cancelled Match – A match that has been deferred, postponed, abandoned, or suspended and is unable to be rescheduled before season end.

Club Assistant – An Assistant Referee provided by a Club for the fixture.
Club Official – Any person involved with the administration, management, or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives, and volunteers. All Key Personnel are Club Officials.

Club Referee – A referee allocated to a match by a Club when an FQ Referee is not appointed who has the same authority and responsibility as an FQ appointed referee.

Clubs – A body or incorporated association that has been accepted for affiliation and admittance into Football Queensland's competitions.

Coach – Any person who is registered as a coach in Football Queensland's registration system, Squadi, and is tasked with directing a football team training and match performance.

Competitions – Any or all football divisions, age groups or matches administered by Football Queensland.

Competition Administrator – The staff members of the Football Queensland Competitions Department.

Competition Fixture – Any match that is scheduled and administered by Football Queensland.

Cup Match – Any knock-out cup match, organised and/or administered by Football Queensland or FA before, after or in conjunction with a Regular Season and includes but is not limited to the Queensland Cups.

Declared Weekend – A weekend that is declared unplayable, due to extreme weather conditions.

Division – A particular grade or level of competition within Football Queensland.

FA (Football Australia) –- Australia's governing football body.

Facilities Lighting Standards – refers to the Football Queensland Facilities Lighting Standards Policy as available through Football Queensland and adhering to the Australian Sports Lighting Standards.

Field of Play (FOP) – An enclosed pitch with the entire area within temporary or permanent perimeter fencing; or an open pitch with the entire area within three (3) metres of the boundary line of a football pitch.

FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) – The world governing body of Football.

Final – A competitive match played to determine the winner of a Finals Series or Cup competition administered

by Football Queensland.

Finals Series – A set of competitive fixtures played separate to the Regular Season to determine the winner of the Championship as administered by Football Queensland.

First Team – The top team within a Club's FQPL squad (not the U23's).

Fixture – Any match played in a Football Queensland Competition, Cup, other event or tournament under Football Queensland's administration.

Fixture Suspensions – An imposed number of match(es) where a participant is disallowed from participating as a result of disciplinary action.

Forfeit – The failure of a team to participate in a Competition Fixture**.**

FQ (Football Queensland) – Queensland's governing football body.
FQ By-Law 9 – The current Football Queensland Grievance, Discipline and Tribunal By-Law (which may be amended as appropriate).

FQPL – Football Queensland Premier League.

Goal Difference – The difference between goals scored by a team (goals for) and goals scored against a team (goals against) in a match or season.

Graded – The allocation of a player or team to a division or age group specified by Football Queensland.

Has Started – Refers to a player who commenced a match as part of the starting 11 under the Substitution rule.

Highest Placed Team – The team which finished in the higher position on the competition ladder after the fixture season.

Home Club – The Club playing the fixture or match at its home ground and/or appearing first on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

Host Club – A Club which hosts one or more Competition Fixtures or Finals at its home venue, whether that Club participates in one of those Competition Fixtures or Finals Series matches or not.

IFAB – International Football Association Board, its successor or assignee.

Laws of the Game (LOTG) – The official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by IFAB and FIFA.

League – Specific competition conducted and declared by Football Queensland.

Lowest Placed Team – The team which finished in last position on the competition ladder after the fixture season.

Match – See fixture.

Match Official – A referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match day coach, Club referee, match commissioner or any other person appointed by FA/Football Queensland/Club who assumes responsibility of a match and the participants safety in connection with a match.

Match Day Coaches – Referee instructor who supports and assists with the development of referees on game day.

Metro – Football activities conducted within the metropolitan Brisbane region.

No Result – Recording a '0-0' score line in a Competition Fixture with no points or goals awarded to either Team. A 'No Result' is recorded as a Competition Fixture played.

Non-Participation in a Fixture – A player listed on the official NPL/FQPL First Team Squadi Team Sheet who did not take to the Field of Play (FOP) during the match.

Participant(s) – One that takes part in a football match including, but not limited to: players, coaches, Club officials and Club supporters (spectators).

Penalty Shoot-Out – The alternate taking of penalty kicks from a penalty spot to determine a winner in accordance with FIFA regulations where a match requires a result.

Playing Facilities Standards – The minimum standards a Club must adhere to, to be eligible to host fixtures, in accordance with the Football Queensland Facility Guides and Licencing Agreements.

Postponed – A Competition Fixture which has not commenced as scheduled and is to be rescheduled.

Regional – Footballing activities conducted in regions of Queensland other than the metropolitan Brisbane region. Regions include; South Coast, Darling Downs, Sunshine Coast, Wide Bay, Central Coast, Whitsunday Coast, Northern and Far North & Gulf.

Registered – A player, team official, Club official, match day coaches, Club referee or Referee who is registered in accordance with the applicable Football Queensland Registration Regulations, and/or FA National Registration Regulations, including without limitation seeking an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) where applicable.
Regular Season – The duration of the season, not including Finals Series.
Replica Strip – An imitation shirt/shorts/attire of another Club or team, be it professional or amateur (e.g. Brisbane Roar Replica jersey).

Rules of Competition (RoC) – Referring to this document and all associated stipulations, policies, and statutes referred to and herewith.

Sanctioned Match – Any match(es) Football Queensland approves to be played in accordance with the Football Queensland Sanctioning Policy. This includes matches to which Football Queensland does not appoint Match Officials.

Squadi – Football Queensland's National Registration & Competition Management system.

Team - A football team entered by a Club in a League/Competition administered by Football Queensland.

Team Official – A coach, assistant coach, manager, physio/medical staff or other Club registered participants who is listed on a Squadi Team Sheet and is allowed in the technical area during a match.

Under 23s (U23s) – The complementary team to the 'First Team' FQPL squad.

Unregistered – A player or Club official who is not registered in Squadi.

Venue Managers – The business/person of football facilities not directly leased, owned or managed by a Club.

9 INTERPRETATIONS, DISPUTES & APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

a) Football Queensland reserves the right to rule on any interpretation of these rules if any dispute arises. Clubs are advised to seek clarification from Football Queensland if in any doubt as to the meaning of these rules. Applications for variances to these rules must be lodged by the club Secretary to the Manager – Advanced Competitions with all supporting documentation. Football Queensland reserves the right to change or amend these rules at its absolute discretion.

b) A request for a review of a decision in relation to a breach of the Competition Rules will not be considered unless the club seeking the review provides significant new or additional evidence. Football Queensland in those circumstances will review the decision and allow the clubs to provide a submission (written or oral). The decision on the review by Football Queensland will be final and not subject to appeal.

10 APPENDIX

10.1 **Junior Player Movement Table** (Divisions are based on the Metro 2023 competitions and may be subject to change)

Junior Players Graded Division	Junior Player Movement Eligibility (Players may be borrowed into divisions indicated with a tick in the table below)																															
	U18 FQA 1-2	U18 FQA 3-4	U18 JL FQPL	U18 Div 1	U18 Div 2	U18 Div 3	U18 Div 4	U16 FQA 1-2	U16 FQA 3-4	U16 JL FQPL	U16 Div 1	U16 Div 2	U15 FQA 1-2	U15 FQA 3-4	U15 JL FQPL	U15 Div 1	U15 Div 2	U15 Div 3	U14 FQA 1-2	U14 FQA 3-4	U14 JL FQPL	U14 Div 1	U14 Div 2	U14 Div 3	U14 Div 4	U13 FQA 1-2	U13 FQA 3-4	U13 JL FQPL	U13 Div 1	U13 Div 2	U13 Div 3	U13 Div 4	U13 Div 5
U18 FQA 1-2 (SEQ only)		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 FQA 3-4 (SEQ only)	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 JL/FQPL	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 Div 1	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 Div 2	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 Div 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 Div 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 FQA 1-2 (SEQ only)	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 FQA 3-4 (SEQ only)	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 JL/FQPL	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 Div 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 Div 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 FQA 1-2 (SEQ Only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 FQA 3-4 (SEQ Only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 JL/FQPL	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 Div 1	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 Div 2	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 Div 3	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 FQA 1-2 (SEQ only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 FQA 3-4 (SEQ only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 JL/FQPL	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 Div 1	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 Div 2	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 Div 3	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 Div 4	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U13 FQA 1-2 (SEQ only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U13 FQA 3-4 (SEQ only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U13 JL/FQPL	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫
U13 Div 1	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫
U13 Div 2	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫
U13 Div 3	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫
U13 Div 4	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
U13 Div 5	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U12 FQA 1-3 (SEQ only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫
U12 Kangaroo	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫
U12 Wallaby/Quokka	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

10.2 Senior & Junior Playing Senior Movement Table (Divisions are based on 2023 Metro competitions and may be subject to change)

Metro Players Graded Division	Senior and Junior Playing Senior Player Movement Eligibility																					
	NPL	NPL U23	FQPL 1	FQPL 1 U23	FQPL 2	FQPL 2 U23	FQPL 3	FQPL 3 U23	FQPL 4	FQPL 4 U23	FQPL 5	FQPL 5 U23	FQPL 6	FQPL 6 U23	CM Div 1	CM Div 2	CM Div 3	CM Div 4	CM Div 5	CM Div 6	CM Div 7	CM Div 8	CM Div 9
NPL First Team		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
NPL U23	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 1 First Team	▫	▫		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 1 U23	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 2 First Team	▫	▫	▫	▫		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 2 U23	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 3 First Team	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 3 U23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 4 First Team	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 4 U23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 5 First Team	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 5 U23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 6 First Team	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 6 U23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Mens Div 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Mens Div 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Mens Div 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Mens Div 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Mens Div 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Mens Div 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫
Community Mens Div 7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫
Community Mens Div 8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫
Community Mens Div 9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
U18 FQA 1-2 (SEQ only)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 FQA 3-4 (SEQ only)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 JL/FQPL	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U18 Div 1	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U18 Div 2	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U18 Div 3	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U18 Div 4	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U18 Div 4	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U16 FQA 1-2 (SEQ only)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 FQA 3-4 (SEQ only)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 JL/FQPL	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U16 Div 1	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U16 Div 2	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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10.3 **Women & Junior Girls Player Movement Table** (Divisions are based on 2023 Metro competitions and may be subject to change)

Metro Player Graded Divisions	Senior Women and Junior Girls Only Player Movement Eligibility																											
	NPL	NPL U23	FQPL 1	FQPL 1 U23	FQPL 2	FQPL 2 U23	FQPL 3	FQPL 3 U23	CW Div 1	CW Div 2	CW Div 3	CW Div 4	CW Div 5	U17 FQA 1-2	U17 Div 1	U17 Div 2	U15 FQA 1-2	U15 Div 1	U15 Div 2	U14 Div 1	U14 Div 2	U14 Div 3	U13 FQA 1-2	U13 Div 1	U13 Div 2	U13 Div 3	U13 Div 4
NPL First Grade Women		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
NPL U23 Women	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 1 First Grade Women	▫	▫		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 1 U23 Women	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 2 First Grade Women	▫	▫	▫	▫		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 2 U23 Women	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 3 Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
FQPL 3 U23 Women *SC Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Womens Div 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Womens Div 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Womens Div 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Womens Div 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
Community Womens Div 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U17 FQA 1 - 2 Girls (SEQ Only)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U17 Girls Div 1	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U17 Girls Div 2	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 FQA 1 - 2 Girls (SEQ Only)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫	✓	✓	▫		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 Girls Div 1	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U15 Girls Div 2	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 Girls Div 1	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 Girls Div 2	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U14 Girls Div 3	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫	▫	▫	▫
U13 FQA 1 -2 Girls (SEQ Only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	▫	✓	▫	▫		▫	▫	▫	▫
U13 Girls Div 1	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▫	✓		▫	▫	▫
U13 Girls Div 2	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫	▫
U13 Girls Div 3	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▫
U13 Girls Div 4	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
U12 FQA Girls (SEQ only)	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	▫	▫	▫
U12 Girls Bilbys	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	▫	▫
U12 Girls Joeys	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	▫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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