

# Football Tasmania 2024 Australia Cup Supplementary Rules



*FIFA / FA / FT Regulations apply in addition to the supplementary regulations for Australia Cup 2024.*

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## 1. Governance

All Australia Cup fixtures are conducted in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game and Australia Cup Competition Regulations.

- a. Football Tasmania is responsible for conducting and managing all fixtures in the Australia Cup up until the Final Round of 32 in Accordance with the Australia Cup Competition Regulations and any other relevant FA requirements or directions.
- b. Football Australia (FA) is responsible for conducting and managing all Final Round of 32 fixtures in accordance with Australia Cup Competition Regulations.

## 2. Eligible Clubs

In order to be considered eligible to participate in the Australia Cup, Clubs must meet all requirements contained in clause 6.1 of the Australia Cup Competition Regulations and;

- a. Be affiliated to FT and be registered with FA in accordance with National Registration Regulations and;
- b. Make payment of the Preliminary round registration fee in accordance with the relevant payment process determined by FT.
- c. Submit to FA a signed, completed copy of the Australia Cup Club Registration Form.

## 3. Club Participation Procedure

Clubs who wish to nominate for entry into the Australia Cup must do so in accordance with the requirements determined by FT and within the timelines stipulated by FT.

- a. Clubs must nominate through an electronic nomination form.
- b. All NPL Clubs must nominate.
- c. FT will review all nominations and confirm their participation at its sole discretion.

## 4. Draw Format

FT reserves the right to determine the format of all FT managed fixtures within the Australia Cup – Subject to nominations and FA requirements.

A Knockout round will be completed to ensure 16 teams, all NPL (8) clubs progress automatically to the Round of 16. All other clubs will be placed into the draw to determine the final 8 teams in the Round of 16.

It is at the discretion of FT to change the process of progression to the Round of 16.

#### **4.1 Matches**

All Matches played must be played on the allocated weekends for Australia Cup games.

The Availability of players and Match Officials will not be considered when scheduling Matches.

Home teams will be the first team drawn out, the second drawn is the away team.

Football Tasmania will work with clubs to decide venue dates and times for the fixtures, clubs will be given an opportunity to submit requests for preferred venue dates and times, but the final decision will be made by FT;

Football Tasmania reserves the right to move a specific fixture to coincide with other events in the Preliminary Rounds.

### **5. Player and Official Eligibility**

All Participants must meet criteria as determined by FA and FT. All Participants must be registered in accordance with FT Regulations to partake in the Australia Cup games.

#### **5.1 Player Eligibility**

To be considered eligible to participate in the Australia Cup, Players must meet all eligibility requirements of the Australia Cup Competition Regulations and FT Regulations.

#### **5.2 Ineligible Player**

Any Club playing an ineligible player in any Australia Cup match may be subject to action in accordance with Australia Cup Competition Regulations.

#### **5.3 Team Official Eligibility**

To be considered eligible to participate in Australia Cup, Team Officials must meet all eligibility requirements contained in the Australia Cup Regulations and be considered registered within the FT Regulations.

## 6. Disciplinary Matters

All Disciplinary matters shall be dealt with in accordance with the FA National Disciplinary Regulations and the Australia Cup Regulations with provision for the following;

### 6.1 Yellow Cards

A Player or Team Official who accumulates 3 yellow cards during Preliminary Round Matches must serve a 1 match suspension.

Suspensions incurred due to the accumulation of yellow cards during the preliminary rounds will apply to the next Australia Cup match in which the suspended Player or Team Official's Club competes in.

Suspensions incurred due to accumulation of yellow cards in a players' local competition will apply to the local competition and cannot be served within an Australia Cup match.

### 6.2 Red Cards

For the Preliminary Rounds, the minimum sanctions set out in the National Disciplinary Regulations must be applied by FT to red card offences and to expulsion offences for Players and Team Officials.

Red Card suspensions incurred in an Australia Cup match will apply to the next match in which the suspended player or team official's Club competes in.

Red card suspensions incurred in a Local Competition Match will apply to the next Match in which the suspended Players Club competed in, which may include an Australia Cup Match.

## 7. Match Duration

All Matches will consist of 2 equal periods of 45 minutes. The referee shall have sole discretion of stoppage time.

## 8. Match Determination

In the event a match is drawn at the conclusion of normal playing time, the game will go to extra time. Extra time will consist in 2 equal periods of 15 minutes.

In the event a match is drawn at the conclusion of extra time, the game will go to penalties as per FIFA Laws of the Game.

## 9. Postponed / Abandoned Matches

The decision to postpone or abandon an Australia Cup Match during preliminary rounds shall be made by FT, in consultation with Match Officials and the Host and Participating Clubs.

Match Officials may, after waiting 15 minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, abandon the match due to the absence of a participating club.

If an Australia Cup Match is postponed prior to kick off or abandoned due to weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either Club prior to 60 minutes of the match being played. The Match must be;

- a. Rescheduled by FT to a day and time determined by FT within 7 days unless otherwise approved by FT.

If an Australia Cup match is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either club at or after 60 (Sixty) minutes of the regular period being played, unless exceptional circumstances apply (exceptional circumstances as determined by FT in its sole and absolute discretion).

- a. The result at the time of the abandonment will be declared the final result or;
- b. Where at the time of the Match being abandoned scores are level the Match shall be rescheduled.

Where a match has been postponed or abandoned more than 2 times or is unable to be rescheduled the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin.

## 10. Forfeited Matches

A Forfeit will include, but not be limited to a Club being unable or unwilling to;

- a. Participate in a Match within 15 minutes after the scheduled kick off time due to any act or omission of the Club or;
- b. Continue to participate in a Match (including because it cannot place the required number of Players on the field due to Offences or Injury) but will exclude any inability to participate due to a Force Majeure Event.

In the event a Club forfeits a scheduled Australia Cup Match;

- a. Prior to Kick off, the opposing Club will be determined to have won the Match by a score of 3 goals to 0 or;

- b. After the Match has commenced, the opposing Club will be deemed to have won the Match by a score of 3 goals to 0, or the actual goal difference at the time of forfeit, whichever is the greater
- c. A Club that forfeits a Match will be in breach of the Regulations and may be subject to sanctions by FT including potential financial compensation of FT and or the opposing Club.

## 11. Substitutions

For Preliminary Round Matches, a Club:

- a. may select up to five (5) Players as substitutes on the team sheet; and
- b. may select one (1) further Player on the team sheet, where that Player is a nominated goalkeeper (i.e. a maximum of six (6) substitutes if a nominated goalkeeper is selected).
- c. Goalkeepers need to be clearly indicated as such on the team sheet.
- d. The nominated substitute goalkeeper may only take the field in place of the starting goalkeeper and play as a goalkeeper.

The following Substitution Rules apply:

- e. A Club may use a maximum of five (5) named substitute players (including a goalkeeper).
- f. Each Club will have a maximum three (3) permitted opportunities to make a substitution during the match; substitutions may also be made at half time (these do not count as one (1) of the three (3)).
- b. Each Club can replace one (1) additional player, and each team will have one (1) additional substitution opportunity during extra time of a Match. The replacement player must be one of the substitutes selected on the Starting List as directed above.

## 12. Match Balls

The Host Club:

- a. Shall provide a minimum 3 top quality match balls of the same brand, colour and weight for all Australia Cup Matches.
- b. Where directed by Football Australia or Football Tasmania, Club must use the Official Australia Cup Match Ball.

### **13. Club Playing Strip**

All Participating Clubs must have 2 playing strips for both Field Players and Goalkeepers.

In the event of a playing strip clash, the away team (listed second on the official draw) must provide an alternate strip comprising of shirts, shorts, and socks.

The referee shall be arbiter on match day should there be a clash of colours.

### **14. Match Officials**

The Appointment of Match Officials will be the responsibility of FT.

The Host Club shall be fully responsible for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the ground, until the time they depart from the ground. Failure to carry out this requirement shall render the Host Club liable to a penalty, as determined by FT.

### **15. Match Official Fees**

The home team is responsible for the payment of referees as per the Match Official Fee in Accordance with FT Match Officials Payments.

### **16. Admission Fee**

The Host Club, at its discretion, may charge admission fees. These fees are in accordance with current FT Regulation fees for NPL & WSL games.

### **17. Field of Play**

The minimum and maximum dimensions of the field of play are defined as follows:

For all Preliminary Round Matches:

- a. Preferred: 105m long and 68m wide.
- b. Minimum: 90m long 45m wide and
- c. Maximum: 120m long and 60m wide.

The playing surface for all Australia Cup Matches must be prepared and maintained to a reasonable standard as determined by FT in its sole and absolute discretion.