

2026 Statewide Cups:

The following regulations apply to the Women's Statewide Cup, U21 Men's Statewide Cup and U18 Women's Statewide Cup.

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1. Eligible Clubs

To be considered eligible to participate in the Statewide Cup, Clubs must:

- Be affiliated to FT and be registered with FA in accordance with National Registration Regulations.
- Make payment of the Competition Entry fee in accordance with the relevant payment process determined by FT.
- Submit to FT a competition nomination form in accordance with the process determined by FT.

2. Club Participation Procedure

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

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

3. Draw Format

FT reserves the right to determine the format of all fixtures within the Statewide Cups – subject to nominations.

Clubs will enter a competition draw to determine fixtures for each round. All round winners will proceed to the next round. Where required, a bye round will fill any vacant slots in the draw process. A statewide cup final will be held to determine the Statewide Cup Champions.

3.1 Matches

Matches will be played on the same allocated weekends for Hahn 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.

4. Player and Official Eligibility

All Participants must be registered in accordance with FT Competition & Disciplinary Regulations to take part in the Statewide Cup matches.

4.1 Player Eligibility

Players are eligible to participate in any FT Statewide Cup Competition match provided all the following are met:

- a) they are currently registered with FT.
- b) FT has received the prescribed registration fee.
- c) they are not under suspension.
- d) they meet all the age requirement qualifications in [Appendix A - FT Youth Age Eligibility Policy](#).
- e) they have no outstanding debt with FT.
- f) they are listed on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match.
- g) that rule [13.5 Team Stacking](#) is not contravened.

No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in the Statewide Cup and can only represent the Club to which they are currently signed.

A player will be deemed to have participated in a Statewide Cup match if they have started a match or been used as a substitute (for clarity, this does **not** include unused substitutes).

A player is Cup Tied to the team playing in the highest-level competition in which they have taken the field. For avoidance of doubt:

- a) A player who has taken the field in the Lakoseljac Cup cannot play in the U21 Men's Statewide Cup.
- b) A player who has taken the field in the Women's Statewide Cup cannot play in the U18 Women's Statewide Cup.

4.2 Ineligible Player

Any Club playing an ineligible player in any Statewide Cup match may be subject to action in accordance with FT Competition & Disciplinary Regulations, including Clause 13.2 Teams Playing Ineligible Players.

4.3 Team Official Eligibility

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

5. Disciplinary Matters

All Disciplinary matters shall be dealt with in accordance with the FT Competition & Disciplinary Regulations, with provision for the following;

5.1 Yellow Cards

- a) A Player who accumulates 3 yellow cards during the Statewide Cup must serve a 1 match suspension.
- b) A Team Official who accumulates 2 yellow cards during the Statewide Cup matches must serve a 1 match suspension.

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

Suspensions incurred due to accumulation of yellow cards in a player's local competition will apply to the local competition and cannot be served within a Statewide Cup.

If a club is eliminated from the Statewide Cup and a Player has received their third accumulated yellow card in the match that the club was eliminated, the suspension will not be carried forward to the following seasons Statewide Cup.

If a club is eliminated from the Statewide Cup and a Team Official has received their second accumulated yellow card in the match that the club was eliminated, the suspension will not be carried forward to the following seasons Statewide Cup.

5.2 Red Cards

- a) Red card suspensions which are yet to be served in full will be applied to the next match in which the suspended Player's or Team Official's club competes in. This includes Statewide Cup Matches.
- b) Red card suspensions which are incurred in Statewide Cup Matches will apply to the next match in which the suspended Player's or Team Official's Club competes in, which may include a Statewide Cup Match.

6. Match Duration

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

7. 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 two (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.

8. Postponed / Abandoned Matches

The decision to postpone or abandon a Statewide Cup Match 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 a Statewide 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 sixty (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 a Statewide Cup Match is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either club at or after sixty (60) 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.

9. 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 Statewide 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.

10. Substitution / Interchange

Substitution:

For Women's Statewide Cup Matches & U21s Men's Statewide Cup Matches, a Club:

- a) may select up to five (5) Players as substitutes on the match 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.
- e) For Matches where Extra Time is required each Team will have one (1) additional opportunity to make a substitution.

Interchange

For U18 Women's Statewide Cup Matches, a Club:

- a) may select up to five (5) players as substitutes on the match sheet.
- b) Each Team will have a maximum of 3 opportunities to make interchanges each half; interchanges may also be made at half-time. If both teams make an interchange at the same time, this will count as 1 of the 3 opportunities for each team.
- c) All interchanges shall take place at the half-way line and players to be interchanged must leave the field of play before the replacement player can enter the field of play.
- d) No interchange is permitted within two (2) minutes of play remaining in either half of the match.
- e) **Injury Interchange in the Second Half:**
If a Team has already used its three (3) interchange opportunities during the second half, an additional interchange is permitted in the case of an injured player, provided that more than two (2) minutes of play remain in the match. The injured player who is replaced may not take any further part in the match.
- f) For matches where Extra Time is required each Team will have one (1) additional interchange opportunity to make changes.

11. Match Balls

The Host Club:

- a) Shall provide a minimum of three (3) top quality match balls of the same brand, colour and weight for all Statewide Cup Matches.

- b) FT will provide match balls for all Statewide Cup Finals.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Match Official Fees

The home team is responsible for the payment of referees for all preliminary round matches up to and including the semi finals, as per the Match Official Fee in accordance with FT Match Officials Payments.

FT is responsible for the payment of referees for all Statewide Cup Finals.

15. Admission Fee

The Host Club, at its discretion, may charge admission fees for Senior Statewide Cup matches. These fees are in accordance with current fees for NPL & WSL games set out in FT Competition & Disciplinary Regulations.