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NNSWF NORTHERN LEAGUE ONE 2018 COMPETITION RULES



NORTHERN NSW
FOOTBALL



The NEWFM Northern League One 2018 competition rules are to be read in conjunction with Northern NSW Football 2018 Premier Competition Regulations.

1. FEES

1.1. COMPETITION FEE (includes Westfield FFA Cup nomination fee)

Total		\$6600
Instalment Payments Due:		
Instalment 1	28/2/18	\$3300
Instalment 2	31/5/18	\$3300

1.2. MATCH OFFICIALS FEE

Total		\$8140
Instalment Payments Due:		
Instalment 1	30/4/18	\$1628
Instalment 2	31/5/18	\$1628
Instalment 3	30/6/18	\$1628
Instalment 4	31/7/18	\$1628
Instalment 5	31/8/18	\$1628

2. ADMISSION CHARGES - Ref Regulation 14

The maximum admission charges for each competition, including a fee for cars if permitted to the ground, will be determined by NNSWF from time to time and this charge shall be the same at all grounds for the same competition.

2.1. Scheduled Fixture

Adults	\$5.00	Concession	\$3.00	Cars	\$2.00
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2.2. Rescheduled Fixture

2.2.1. Where 1st Grade team participates:

Adults	\$5.00	Concession	\$3.00	Cars	\$2.00
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2.2.2. Where more than one lower grade participates:

Adults	\$3.00	Concession	\$1.00	Cars	\$2.00
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2.2.3. No charge will apply where only one lower grade participates.

3. CLUB PASSES

Each club will be provided the following passes:

VIP	6
COMMITTEE	12



4. REGISTRATION PERIODS 2018

Amateur	1 st January – 30 th June 2018
Contract First Window	15 th January – 1 st April 2018
Contract Second Window	1 st June – 30 th June 2018

5. REGISTRATION FEES

A player registration fee will be imposed by Northern NSW Football for participation in all Premier Competitions. Senior and Youth fees are determined annually by NNSWF.

Youth is classified as 18 Years and below as at 31 December each year.

Premier competition registrations are refundable up until 30th June each year provided that the de-registering player has not played in a competition fixture during their time of registration nor lodged an insurance claim for that same period. The player cannot be listed on a team sheet for any competition fixture as either a starting player or a substitute/interchange player.

6. AGE RESTRICTIONS

A player's age is determined by the age they turn during that calendar year.

6.1. 2018 Senior Grades: 1st Grade, 23 Years, 19 Years

6.2. Minimum age to play in 2018 Senior Grades is 15 years.

6.3. 2018 Youth Grades: 17 Years, 15 Years, and 14 Years

7. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

The maximum number of players permitted to be registered per club is:

- 7.1.1.** Seniors: 1st Grade, 23 Years, 19 Years – 52
- 7.1.2.** Youth: 14 Years, 15 Years, 17 Years – 48 (maximum 16 per age group)

A maximum of five overage players (listed on team sheet) will be permitted for the 23 Years competition.

7.1. Clubs will be permitted to register players turning 13 years of age in 2018 in their 14 years squad.

7.2. Clubs will be permitted to multiple register a maximum of five (5) players from inter-district competitions in their 14 Years age group subject to NNSWF regulations and age restriction. Multiple registrations will not be included in the maximum number of registered players allowed.



7.3. A player registration fee will be imposed by Northern NSW Football for participation in all Premier Competitions. Senior and Youth fees are determined annually by NNSWF.

7.4. Relative Age Effect

Clubs may seek dispensation (under Relative Age Effect Regulations) for a maximum of 1 player in the 14 Years, 15 Years. Clubs seeking dispensation must apply to NNSWF (mbrowne@northernnswfootball.com.au) on the appropriate RAE request form.

The following parameters are required to be met:

- U14's - U15 Players Born July or later < 166cms < 58kgs
- U15's - U16 Players Born July or later < 170cms < 62kgs

8. MATCH DURATION

The following match times shall apply:

1 st Grade	45 minutes each half
23 Gears	40 minutes each half
19 Years	40 minutes each half
17 Years	40 minutes each half
15 Years	35 minutes each half
14 Years	35 minutes each half

For match times, please refer to the annual fixture draw on the NNSWF website.

8.1. A minimum of five (5) minute interval will be taken at the end of the half time. Extra time (in NEWFM Northern League One Division - first grade) may be added at the discretion of the referee.

8.2. A fixture which falls short of the stipulated playing time may be deemed to have been completed or may be replayed at the absolute discretion of NNSWF. Provided that the Competition Administrator, in addition, may impose other Penalties as is deemed fit.

9. MATCH BALLS

Approved match balls to be used in all competition fixtures.

14 years to 1st Grade - Size 5



10. TEAM SHEETS

Team sheets are to be completed by both clubs a minimum 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.

Team sheets shall be completed in black or blue biro using block letters and all relevant details thereon being legible.

At the conclusion of the fixture and after the Match Officials have completed the Referees Report, a Team Official from both clubs must sign the team sheet to confirm the details entered for their respective club are correct.

In the event of a dispute regarding the recorded result and the referee refuses to alter the result, the Team Official(s) shall have the dispute noted on the team sheet and sign their name under that note. The Team Official(s) should also report the dispute to their Club who may wish to lodge a protest.

If the team sheet is not signed by a team Official, all information on the team sheet pertaining to infringements, results and goal scorers, is deemed to be correct.

The home club must email a copy of team sheets (front & back) to competitions@northernnswfootball.com.au by 9am on the first business day following the fixture being played.

The home club must then post the team sheet originals to NNSWF using the priority paid envelopes provided to clubs by NNSWF within 24 hours of completion of the fixture.

Clubs failing to comply with team sheet regulations will be subject to a fine as determined annually.

11. TEAM OFFICIALS / TECHNICAL AREA

Clubs will be permitted to allow a maximum six (6) registered Team Officials and five (5) substitute Players on the Technical Bench during the fixture. All Team Officials and substitute Players must be named on the official team sheet.

All registered Team Officials **MUST** display the NNSWF Accreditation Pass at all times.

A Player of Team Official who has been expelled or is serving a suspension is not permitted to occupy a seat in the Technical Area during a fixture.

12. SUBSTITUTION / INTERCHANGE OF A PLAYER

12.1. Substitution

The substitution rule will apply to 1st, 23 Years, and 19 Years grades.

12.2. Interchange

The interchange rule will apply to the 14 Years, 15 Years, and 17 Years grades
Unlimited interchange will apply.



13. RESCHEDULED FIXTURES

13.1. Senior fixtures

(1st Grade, 23 Years and 19 Years) postponed due to inclement weather or any other causes must be rescheduled and replayed the second week after the postponement as follows:

Tuesday night (8:00pm Kick Off)	-	19 Years (6:15pm Kick Off), 23 Years
Wednesday night	-	1 st Grade (7:00pm)

13.2. Fixtures in the 14 years, 15 year, and 17 years competition postponed due to inclement weather or any other causes must be rescheduled and replayed at the individual home clubs' venue within four weeks from the postponement.

13.3. Should inclement weather persist and cause the postponement of rescheduled fixtures NNSWF will liaise with the home club to determine new fixture dates.

13.4. The availability of players or team officials will not be taken into consideration when determining rescheduled fixtures. NNSWF reserves the right to determine changes to the above.

13.5. NNSWF's decision and determination regarding rescheduled fixture will be final and not subject to appeal.

14. WET WEATHER PROCEDURES - Ref Regulation 42

In the event of wet weather cancellations/amendments, it is the responsibility of the host club to take the following actions allowing enough time for all relevant participants to be notified.

1. Contact the opposing Club Secretary
2. Contact the NNSWF Referees Appointments Officer
3. Enter the result as a Washout on Sports TG
4. Post washout on clubs Facebook and Twitter account tagging NNSWF & opposition club.



15. RESULTS PROCEDURES

15.1. It is the responsibility of the host club to upload all match day results into the NNSWF website no later than two hours after the conclusion of the last fixture.

15.2. In the event that a club is not able to post results as per above due to technical difficulties, the club is required to email all results to NNSWF within the required timeframes.

15.3. Clubs who fail to adhere to the above procedures will be subject to a fine as determined annually by NNSWF currently \$200 per each individual offence.

16. FINAL SERIES FORMAT

16.1. Semi Final Series First Grade, 23 Years, & 19 Years

Week 1

4 v 1
3 v 2

Week 2

2 v 3
1 v 4

The following criteria will be applied until one (1) team can be determined as the winner.

16.1.1. Highest aggregate of goals scored over the two (2) legs.

16.1.2. Highest number of away goals (away goals rule) over the two (2) legs.

16.2. Drawn Fixtures – Semi Final Series

If the winning teams for grand final placing's cannot be determined by the above criteria, then the following will occur immediately after the conclusion of the second semi-final leg;

16.2.1. Extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes will be played in accordance with FIFA Law 8.

16.2.1.1. The away goal rule does not apply to extra time periods.

16.2.2. If at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, a winner has not been determined, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game to determine grand final placing's.

16.2.3. No extra time will be played in the lower grades – decided by penalties

16.3. The highest placed team on the competitions points table reserves the right to host a Sunday final series fixture.

16.4. Grand Final

The winners of semi-final series fixtures in accordance with the above final series format will progress to the grand final.



16.5. Drawn Fixtures – Grand Final

If at the conclusion of a Grand Final fixture the scores are level:

16.5.1. Extra time shall be played. Two fifteen (15) minute periods will be permitted to find a winner. The conditions of FIFA Law 8 will apply.

16.5.1.1. The away goal rule does not apply to extra time periods.

16.5.2. If scores are level at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, to determine the winner of the match.

16.5.3. No extra time will be played in lower grades – decided by penalties

16.6. Semi Finals 17 Years, 15 Years and 14 Years

Game 1	1	v	4	Loser eliminated
Game 2	2	v	3	Loser eliminated

16.7. Grand Final

Game 3 Winner of Game 1 v Winner of Game 2

16.8. NNSWF to determine final series venue for NEWFM Northern League One 14 Years, 15 Years, and 17 years grade.

16.9. Drawn Fixtures – Semi Finals

If at the conclusion of a semi-final fixture the scores are level:

16.9.1. If scores are equal at the conclusion of full time, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, to determine the winner of the match.

16.9.2. No extra time will be played in 17 Years, 15 Years, and 14 Years fixtures – winner decided by penalties

16.10. Drawn Fixtures – Grand Finals

If at the conclusion of a Grand Final Fixture the scores are level:

16.10.1. If scores remain equal at the conclusion of full time, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, to determine the winner of the match.

16.10.2. No extra time will be played in 17 Years, 15 Years and 14 Years fixtures – winner decided by penalties



17. ELIGIBLE PLAYER FOR FINAL SERIES - Ref Regulation 6.5

Subject to any disciplinary restriction, a player is eligible player to compete in his team's final series fixtures as per below;

In a division/league competition a player who has played in four (4) fixtures out of his last six (6) fixtures in 23's, 19's, 17's or 15s grade provided that he has not been named in the starting line up for a higher grade for that round during the premierships competition, is eligible to play in the respective 23's, 19's, 17's or 15's grades in the final series competition.

Clubs may seek special dispensation no later than Wednesday before the final series fixture for a player who has participated in a minimum of 66% of his games in a lower grade competition.

The above rule is not applicable whilst all grades are still participating in the finals series.

17.1 Goalkeeper

Clubs may seek special dispensation for the specialist position of goalkeeper. All requests will be considered on an individual basis by NNSWF.

18. DISCIPLINARY

The Disciplinary competition rules below are to be read in conjunction with FFA National Disciplinary Regulations, FFA Statutes & FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.

18.1. Accumulation of Yellow Cards

A player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the competition must serve the required mandatory match suspensions.

18.1.1. Pre-Season Competition (where applicable)

Three (3) yellow cards during the competition equals one (1) match suspension.

18.1.2. Premiership

Five (5) yellow cards during the competition equals a one (1) match suspension.

Six (6) yellow cards during the competition. No suspension.

Seven (7) yellow cards during the competition equals a two (2) match suspension.

Eight (8) or more yellow cards during the competition Player subject to disciplinary hearing.

18.1.3. Final Series

Three (3) yellow cards during the competition equals a one (1) match suspension.

18.1.4. Players may be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the Competition Administrator.

18.1.5. It is the clubs responsibility to record and monitor all player infringements and impose player sanctions.



18.2. Accumulation of Red Cards

A player who accumulates the following number of red cards during the course of the competition must serve the following mandatory match suspensions.

18.2.1. Pre–Season Competition (where applicable)

One (1) red card during the competition equals a one (1) match suspension.

Two (2) red cards during the competition equals a two (2) match suspension.

Above suspensions include the mandatory one match suspension.

18.2.2. Premiership

One (1) red card during the competition equals a minimum one (1) match suspension.

Two (2) red cards during the competition equals a minimum two (2) match suspension.

Three (3) or more red cards during the competition Player subject to disciplinary hearing with a minimum three (3) match suspension.

18.2.3. Any Player who has served a suspension for the accumulation of five (5) or more yellow cards during the competition and is dismissed once again from the field of play during a fixture for a red card infringement will be subject to a **minimum** two (2) match suspension.

Above suspensions includes the mandatory one match suspension.

18.2.4. Players may be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the Competition Administrator.

18.2.5. Final Series

One (1) red card during the competition equals a one (1) match suspension.

Two (2) red cards during the competition equals a two (2) match suspension.

Above suspension include the mandatory one match suspension.

18.2.6. Players may be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the Competition Administrator.

18.2.7. It is the clubs responsibility to record and monitor all player infringements and impose player sanctions.

18.3. Misconduct of a Team

Disciplinary sanctions will be placed on a club for the misconduct of a team, for any part of the competition season proper, including when:

18.3.1. Five (5) players are cautioned or sent off during one (1) match;

18.3.2. Three (3) players are sent off during one (1) match; or

18.3.3. Several players together make threats or show force against a match official.



18.4. Match Official Abuse – Minimum Sanctions

In addition to any National Disciplinary Regulation sanctions applied any Player, Team or Club Official found guilty of Match Official abuse, intimidation and/or harassment will be sanctioned in accordance with the Code of Conduct Regulations with minimum sanctions applied as follows:

18.4.1. Player

1st Offence Two match suspension and \$200 fine – not able to attend Club fixtures during suspension

2nd Offence Four match suspension and \$400 fine – not able to attend Club fixtures during suspension

More than two offences appear before Disciplinary Chairman

18.4.2. Team or Club Official

1st Offence Three match suspension and \$300 fine – not able to attend Club fixtures during suspension

2nd Offence Six match suspension and \$600 – not able to attend Club fixtures during suspension

More than two offences appear before Disciplinary Chairman

20.4.3. A Club is jointly and severally liable for a fine imposed on one of its participants (even if that participant subsequently leaves the Club).

18.4.3 Club Disciplinary Action

18.4.3.1. A Club which has more than two (Player, Team or Club Officials) found guilty of match official abuse (in any one age group or division in both Senior and Youth) will be subject to a loss of three Competition points for each offence in that particular age group or division after the second offence.

18.4.3.2. A Club which has more than two (Player, Team or Club Officials) found guilty of match official abuse (in all grades inclusive of both Senior and Youth) will be subject to a fine of \$2000.00 for each offence after the second offence.

18.4.3.3. Notwithstanding the above all Clubs may be subject to further Disciplinary / Code of Conduct action as determined by NNSWF.

19. PROMOTION

For seasons 2017 to 2019 inclusive there will be no Promotion from the National Premier Leagues to the New FM Northern League One.



20. MEDIA & MARKETING

20.1. Social Media

Clubs will be required to operate Facebook and Twitter accounts that are up to date, relevant and provide information to their members in accordance with NNSWF's Social Media Policy. Clubs who fail to adhere to this will be subject to a fine as determined annually by NNSWF.

20.2. Playing Strips

Playing Strips are to incorporate the following logos as directed by NNSWF:

New FM Northern League One Competition Logo Right Chest of Playing Shirt as garment is worn.

New FM Logo Right Sleeve of Playing Shirt as garment is worn.

NNSWF Logo Right or Left Front of Playing Shorts as garment is worn.

20.2.1. An EPS image of the clubs full playing kit inclusive of playing shirt, playing shorts and playing socks is to be provided to NNSWF prior to 31st January 2018.

Clubs who fail to adhere to this will be subject to a fine as determined annually by NNSWF.

20.3. Feathers

The erection of two New FM Feathers at a prominent position as spectators enter the venue.

Clubs who fail to adhere to this will be subject to a fine as determined annually by NNSWF