



FFA Cup NNSWF Supplementary Regulations for Preliminary Rounds

FIFA / FFA / NNSWF Regulations apply in conjunction with FFA Cup NNSWF Supplementary Regulations for Preliminary Rounds.

1. Governance

All FFA Cup fixtures are conducted in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game and FFA Cup Competition Regulations (refer NNSWF website for a complete copy of the Regulations).

2. FFA Cup – Final Rounds

Football Federation Australia (**FFA**) is responsible for conducting and managing all FFA Cup Final Round fixtures in accordance with FFA Cup Competition Regulations.

3. FFA Cup – Preliminary Rounds

Northern NSW Football is responsible for conducting and managing all Preliminary Round fixtures in accordance with FFA Cup Competition Regulations and any other relevant FFA requirements or directions.

4. Eligible Clubs

In order to compete in the FFA Cup conducted by NNSWF, Clubs must meet all eligibility requirements contained in clause 6.1 of the FFA Cup Competition Regulations and:

- i. be affiliated to NNSWF or FFA, and be registered with FFA in accordance with the National Registration Regulations;
- ii. for the Preliminary Rounds, make payment of the Preliminary Round Registration Fee in accordance with the relevant payment process determined by NNSWF

NNSWF will review all Club nominations and confirm their participation at its sole discretion.

5. Dates of Entry

Clubs who wish to nominate for entry into the FFA Cup must do so in accordance with the requirements determined by NNSWF and within the due closing date for nominations.

6. Preliminary Rounds – Draw Format

Northern Conference			
FFNC Clubs	FMNC Clubs	NCF Clubs	NIF Clubs

Preliminary Rounds

The Northern Conference will be divided into four (4) Zone Pools as listed above. Clubs will compete within their respective zone pools in a knock-out format until two (2) clubs from each zone remain.

The two remaining clubs from each zone will progress to the Northern Conference Qualifying Rounds.

Qualifying Rounds

Round One: The two winning clubs from each of the Northern Pools Preliminary Rounds will progress to Round One of the Northern Conference Qualifying Rounds.

The format of the draw for round one will ensure that qualifying clubs are drawn against a club from one of the other Northern Pools.

Round Two: the four (4) winning clubs from round one (1) will progress to round two (2) of the qualifying rounds.

Round Two fixtures will be drawn randomly from the “pot”.



The two (2) winning clubs from Round Two will progress to the NNSWF FFA Cup Final Series.

Northern NSW Football will provide the two (2) qualifying clubs with a travel and accommodation allowance.

Northern Conference – Qualifying Rounds Details

Qualifying Round	Date	Location
One	Saturday 12 th May	C.ex Stadium, Coffs Harbour
Two	Sunday 13 th May	C.ex Stadium, Coffs Harbour

7. Preliminary Rounds – Draw Format

Southern Conference

POOL (1)	POOL (2)	POOL (3)
Zone/Interdistrict Clubs	Northern League One Clubs	NPL Clubs

Preliminary Rounds

The Southern Conference is comprised of three (3) pools as listed above. The preliminary rounds will be conducted in a “pots” format which will facilitate clubs being drawn against an opposing club from within the same pool or one of the alternate pools.

The draw will be constructed to ensure that a total of six (6) clubs from within Pool 1, Pool 2 and Pool 3 progress to the NNSWF FFA Cup Final Series.

Preliminary Round One will exclusively comprise clubs from Pool 1. All fixtures will be randomly drawn from the “pot”.

The winners from Preliminary Round One will progress to Preliminary Round Two and will be joined by the clubs in Pool 2. All fixtures in this round will be drawn randomly from the “pot”.

The winners from Preliminary Round Two will progress to Preliminary Round Three and will be joined by the clubs in Pool 3.

Note: The four (4) highest placed clubs from the 2017 NPL (Pool Three) will be seeded in the Preliminary Round Four draw to ensure they are not drawn against another NPL Club.

Further Preliminary Rounds will be conducted (based on the overall number of club nominations) until a total of six (6) clubs from the Southern Conference remain. All preliminary rounds beyond Round 4 will be drawn randomly from the “pot”.

8. NNSWF FFA Cup Final Series

Final Series – Draw Format

The draw for Final Series Round One will be conducted to ensure that the two (2) clubs qualifying from the Northern Conference will be drawn against two (2) of the clubs qualifying from the Southern Conference. The remaining four (4) clubs qualifying from the Southern Pool will be drawn randomly from the “pot” to determine the remaining two (2) fixtures in Final Series Round One. The club which is drawn first is the designated “Home” club.

The four (4) remaining clubs from Final Series Round One will progress to Final Series Round Two. All clubs will be drawn randomly from the “pot” to determine their opponents in Round Two. The club which is drawn first is the designated “Home” club.



NNSWF FFA Cup Final Series

Final Series Round	Date	Location
One	Saturday 9 th June	Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, Speers Point
Two*	Monday 11 th June	Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, Speers Point

*Only Round Two fixtures featuring clubs from the Northern Conference will proceed on Monday 11th June. Final Series Round Two fixtures involving only clubs from the Southern Conference will be scheduled on either the 12th or 13th June. The club which is drawn first is the designated "Home" club and will be required to host the fixture.

9. FFA Cup Round of 32

The remaining two (2) clubs at the conclusion of the NNSWF FFA Cup Final Series will qualify to represent Northern NSW Football in the 2017 FFA Cup Round of 32.

10. Home Team

The first team drawn from the hat shall be declared the HOME team with the second team drawn from the hat declared the AWAY team.

11. Match Duration

All matches will consist of two (2) equal periods of forty five (45) minutes. The referee shall have sole discretion of stoppage time and time wasted.

12. Drawn Matches – Preliminary Rounds 1 to 3 inclusive

In accordance with clause 10.2(d) of the FFA Cup Competition Regulations, if a match is drawn at the conclusion of normal time, the result of the match shall be decided by penalties as per FIFA Laws of the Game. No extra time shall be played.

13. Drawn Matches – Round 4 and Preliminary Round Finals Series

If a match is drawn at the conclusion of normal time, extra time (two equal periods of 15 minutes, excluding any injury time played as determined by the referee) shall be played to determine the result of the fixture. If a match is drawn at the conclusion of extra time, the result of the match shall be decided by penalties as per FIFA Laws of the Game.

14. Substitutions

For Preliminary Round Matches, Qualifying Rounds and Final Series Matches, a Club may select up to five (5) Players as substitutes.

A Club may, at its discretion, use three (3) substitute Players at any time in an FFA Cup Match (including a Goalkeeper), up until the conclusion of normal playing time or extra time, if played.

15. Match Balls

The host Club shall provide a minimum three (3) top quality match balls of the same brand, colour and weight for all FFA Cup matches.

16. Club Playing Strip – Clash of Colours

In the event of a playing strip colour 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 the arbiter on match day should there be a clash of colours. It is the responsibility of the HOME team (listed first on the official draw) to notify the AWAY team of their club colours prior to match day. The AWAY team should however, always take their alternate strip on match day to avoid any possible clashes.



17. Match Results

The host club shall forward, by email, the result of all matches to rvanewood@northernnswfootball.com.au no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the last fixture.

18. Team Sheets

NNSWF will provide official FFA Cup team sheets to all host clubs.

The team sheet must be completed in ink, in a legible manner by both teams and must contain the names and shirt numbers of the players taking part in the match, including the names of the nominated substitutes.

The original team sheet must be handed to the referee by the host club at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.

The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond to the numbers on the team sheet handed to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match.

A maximum of sixteen players may be listed on the official team sheet.

It is the responsibility of the host club to scan and email team sheets to rvanewood@northernnswfootball.com.au, on the first working day after the match.

Any Team Manager, Team Coach or Club Official found supplying false information shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by NNSWF.

19. Forfeited Fixtures

The result of any forfeited fixture shall be determined by NNSWF in accordance with the FFA Cup Competition Regulations.

20. Postponed/Abandoned Fixtures

Should a match be postponed or abandoned for any reason, NNSWF will determine any action to be taken in accordance with FFA Cup Competition Regulations.

It is the responsibility of the host club to contact NNSWF, all competing teams and the referee branch in the event of wet weather cancellations. The host club must also provide ample notice of a postponement for teams travelling long distances.

Postponed or abandoned matches may be replayed at a time, date and venue as determined by NNSWF and in accordance with FFA Cup Competition Regulations.

21. Player Eligibility

To be eligible to play in the FFA Cup, Players must meet all eligibility requirements contained in clauses 13.2 to 13.4 of the FFA Cup Competition Regulations, and have completed an online registration through MyFootballClub, either direct with a NNSWF Premier Club or with a NNSWF Member Zone Club.

22. Ineligible Players

Any Club playing an ineligible Player in any FFA Cup fixture may be subject to action in accordance with FFA Cup Competition Regulations.

23. Disciplinary Matters

All disciplinary matters shall be dealt with in accordance with FFA Cup Regulations with provision for the following:

21.1 - Yellow Cards

For the Preliminary Rounds three yellow cards equates to a one match suspension.



Suspensions incurred due to the accumulation of yellow cards from the Preliminary Rounds will apply to the next FFA Cup Match in which the suspended player's club competes in.

Suspensions incurred due to the accumulation of yellow cards in a player's local competition will apply to the next Local competition match in which the suspended player's club competes in.

21.2 - Red Cards

For the Preliminary Rounds, the minimum sanctions set out in the Table of Offences (as outlined in Schedule B of the FFA Cup Regulations) must be applied by NNSWF to red card offences and to expulsion offences.

Red card suspensions incurred in an FFA Cup fixture will apply to the next match in which the suspended player's Club competes in.

Red card suspensions incurred in a local competition fixture will apply to the next match in which the suspended player's Club competes in, which may include the FFA Cup.

24. Club Officials at Fixtures

All clubs must have a minimum of two (2) identifiable Club Officials present during their FFA Cup match.

25. Match Officials

The appointment of Match Officials will be the responsibility of NNSWF in conjunction with its Member Referee Branches.

Referees may, after waiting fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, abandon the match due to the absence of a club team.

The Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground and the weather at the time of the inspection.

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 NNSWF.

26. Match Official Fees

NNSWF is responsible for the payment of Match Official Fees in accordance with the FFA Cup Match Official Fees determined by FFA.

NNSWF will liaise with the host club in relation to payment of Match Official Fees for the scheduled Match Day.

27. Admission Fee - Preliminary Rounds

The host club may, at its discretion, charge an admission fee as follows:

Adults	-	\$5.00
Pensioners	-	\$2.00
School Children	-	FREE

The host club will retain all admission fees to help offset costs related to hosting the match.