



TAFE NSW Women's State Cup



Official Regulations

FIFA / FFA / NNSWF Regulations apply to all NNSWF Competitions with the following rules implemented for the TAFE NSW Women's State Cup.

Administration

1. NAMING CONVENTIONS

The Cup shall be named the TAFE NSW Women's State Cup.

2. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

The management of the competition shall be the responsibility of NNSWF. NNSWF shall have the power to formulate the Regulations of the Competition and to alter or add to these Regulations at any time, where deemed necessary.

Clubs shall be bound by the Competition Regulations. NNSWF has the power to take such action and impose such penalties as it deems necessary for any matters not specifically mentioned in these Regulations.

3. COMPETITION DATES / VENUE

The competition will be conducted over the 13th, 14th and 15th July 2018. All fixtures shall be hosted at the [Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, Speers Point](#).

4. CLUB NOMINATION TIMELINES

Each Club wishing to nominate shall complete an entry form and return it to NNSWF by the due date, together with the appropriate nomination fee.

5. ELIGIBLE CLUBS

The competition is open to all for senior women's Clubs and to:

- 5.1. All Clubs being Members of NNSWF Premier Competitions.
- 5.2. All Clubs being Members of a NNSWF Zone Competition.
- 5.3. Clubs will be permitted to enter only one Team per Club.

6. COMPETITION FEE

Total: \$300 per Club inclusive of GST. Fee covers Players Registration, Insurance and Match Official fees for the competition.

7. REGISTERED PLAYERS

Clubs will be permitted to register a maximum of eighteen (18) Players for the tournament. Players must be a minimum age of 15 years (2018). Clubs final squad list to be submitted to NNSWF by Friday 6th July.

7.1. Registration Dispensation

Community based Clubs (non WPL) may seek approval in writing from NNSWF to register a maximum of five (5) Players to be included within their squad of eighteen (18) from other Community based Club(s) within their Member Zone. Players must be a current Outdoor season registered Player. NNSWF will consider each application on an individual basis and each decision will be final and not subject to appeal.



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8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The following shall apply in defining Player eligibility:

- 8.1. A qualified or bona-fide Player is one who has registered on MyFootballClub with a NNSWF Club or with a NNSWF Member Zone Club.
- 8.2. No Player shall be permitted to play for more than one (1) Team in the Women's State Cup.
- 8.3. All questions relating to qualifications of Players or interpretation of the Rules, or any dispute or protest, shall be referred to NNSWF, whose decision shall be final and binding.

9. INELIGIBLE PLAYER

A Club playing an Ineligible Player in any Group Stage Women's State Cup fixture shall be ineligible for any points associated with the fixture and shall be fined a sum, as determined by NNSWF. The full points associated with the fixture shall be awarded to their opponents and the score recorded shall be three (3) goals to the non-offending Team to nil (0) by the Team which has infringed the competition rules.

A Club playing an Ineligible Player in any Finals Series fixture shall be considered disqualified and the opposing Team shall progress to the next phase of the competition.

10. MATCH OFFICIALS

The appointment of Match Officials will be the responsibility of NNSWF. Match Fees will be payable by NNSWF.

11. TROPHY / MEDALLIONS

NNSWF will present twenty two (22) medallions to the NNSWF Women's State Cup winners and twenty two (22) finalist medallions. The NNSWF Women's State Cup trophy will be presented to the winning Club.

12. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Competition shall be conducted in two (2) phases; the Group Round Robin Phase followed by the Knock-Out Finals Series / Play-Off Phase.

12.1. GROUP ROUND ROBIN PHASE

Group phase matches will be conducted with two (2) groups of four (4) teams and two (2) groups of three (3) teams. Each team will play against each other in Round Robin Format.

12.2. KNOCK-OUT FINALS SERIES / PLAY OFF PHASE

Each Group shall have two (2) teams progressing to the Knock-Out Finals Series Phase; teams placing 1st and 2nd in accordance with Reg. 17 (8 Teams in total).

Teams who do not qualify for the Knock-Out Finals Series (positions lower than 2nd place) shall play a Play-Off fixture as per the following format:

Group A 4th v Group B 4th | Group A 3rd v Group B 3rd | Group C 3rd v Group D 3rd

Northern NSW Football reserves the right to adjust or alter the competition format if deemed necessary at any time subject to participating team numbers.



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13. DRAW PROCESS

Clubs accepted into the Competition shall be drawn from pots and allocated into Groups. 1st Grade Herald Women's Premier League Clubs will be seeded dependent upon their ladder position in respect to that competition as determined by NNSWF.

Each 1st Grade WPL Club will be drawn out of a pot & allocated into a group; Group A and B will contain two (2) 1st Grade WPL Club's. All other Clubs will be and drawn out randomly and placed into groups.

14. HOME TEAM DETERMINATION

The first Team drawn from the pot shall be declared the HOME Team with the second Team drawn from the pot declared the AWAY Team.

Match Rules

15. MATCH DURATION

All matches will be played over two (2) equal periods of twenty-five (25) minutes. No stoppage time will be applied.

16. DETERMINATION OF RESULTS

The result recorded on the Official Team Sheet by the appointed Match Official shall be the final result of the match and is not subject to appeal.

16.1. Group Phase

If a match is drawn at the conclusion of normal time, the result of the match shall be decided by Penalty Kicks as per FIFA Laws of the Game. No extra time shall be played.

Teams will be allocated points as follows:

Win	→	3 Points
Draw	→	1 Point
Loss	→	0 Points

16.2. Finals Series

If a match is drawn at the conclusion of normal time, the result of the match shall be decided by Penalty Kicks as per FIFA Laws of the Game. No extra time shall be played.

In the event of a match not being completed as a result of circumstances outside of NNSWF's control, NNSWF reserves the right to determine the result or implement a result determining method of the fixture; i.e. penalty shoot-out. NNSWF's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

Official results will be displayed across NNSWF Social Media platforms and the [NNSWF Website](#).

17. DETERMINATION OF PLACINGS / FINALS SERIES PHASE TEAMS

In the event of Teams finishing on equal points at the conclusion of the Group Phase the following will apply to determine Teams advancing to the Finals Series Phase:



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At the completion of the group matches, rankings in each group will be determined by the following criteria:

- a) Greatest number of match points obtained in all group matches

If two or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their ranking shall be determined as follows:

- b) The result of the match played against each other in the Group Phase
- c) The Team with the highest goal difference
- d) The Team with the highest goals for
- e) The toss of the coin.

Quarter Finals →	M1	Group A 1 st Place	v	Group B 2 nd Place
	M2	Group B 1 st Place	v	Group A 2 nd Place
	M3	Group C 1 st Place	v	Group D 2 nd Place
	M4	Group D 1 st Place	v	Group C 2 nd Place
Semi Finals →	M5	Winner M1	v	Winner M3
	M6	Winner M2	v	Winner M4
Final →	M7	Winner M5	v	Winner M6

18. PLAYING STRIPS

All Teams **MUST** have a main and alternate playing strip and must provide digital images as required by NNSWF within the stipulated timelines.

NNSWF, in its absolute and sole discretion, will pre-determine strip allocations for each fixture and provide Teams with a strip allocation document. NNSWF will consider the best contrast of strips for each fixture. In the event of a playing strip colour clash, the AWAY Team (listed second on the official draw) must provide an alternate strip inclusive of shirts, shorts and socks.

The Referee shall be the sole arbiter on match day in the event of a colour clash.

19. PLAYING NUMBERS / INTERCHANGES

Each Team is permitted to name eleven (11) starting Players for each fixture (inclusive of a nominated Goal-Keeper) plus five (5) Interchange Players.



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Unlimited interchange will be applied throughout the fixture.

A Team must field at least seven (7) of its eligible Players at all times in a fixture. Failure to do so shall result in the offending Team forfeiting the fixture.

20. MATCH BALLS

NNSWF shall supply match quality footballs of the same brand, colour and weight for all fixtures.

21. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

All disciplinary matters shall be dealt with by NNSWF in accordance with FFA National Disciplinary Regulations with provision for the following:

21.1. Yellow Cards

A Player who accumulates three yellow cards during the NNSWF Women's State Cup competition shall receive an automatic one (1) match suspension to be served in the next Cup fixture.

Should a Player and her Club not progress to the next round of the Women's State Cup; the said Player's yellow card infringements will be expunged.

21.2. Red Cards

A Player who receives a red card in a Women's State Cup fixture shall receive a minimum of an automatic one (1) match suspension to be served in the next Women's State Cup fixture. NNSWF shall consider each incident individually and issue advice to the Club of the applicable sanction being applied.

Should a Player and her Club not progress to the next round of the Women's State Cup; the following will apply for red card infringements:

Indirect Red Card - Infringement will be expunged

Direct Red Card – NNSWF Competition Administrator will review infringement and determine any further action deemed necessary

22. TEAM OFFICIALS / DUTY OFFICER AT FIXTURES

Clubs will be permitted a maximum of four (4) Team Officials within their designated Technical Area for each fixture. Team Officials must be listed on the team sheet and display supplied accreditation.

All Clubs must have a minimum of one (1) identifiable Duty Officer present during their Women's State Cup fixture.

23. TEAM SHEETS

The team sheet must be completed in ink, in a legible manner by both Teams and must contain the names of the Players and Team Officials taking part in the match, including the names of the nominated interchange Players.

The original Team sheet must be handed to the Referee at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time.



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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.

Should a match be forfeited, the referee shall endorse the Team sheet accordingly.

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

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