



2024

Premier Youth League | Girl's

Competition Rules



1. SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

1.1. The Premier Youth League Girl's 2024 Competition Rules are to be read in conjunction with Northern NSW Football 2024 Premier Competition Regulations.

1.2. All definitions as outlined in the Northern NSW Football 2024 Premier Competition Regulations will apply in this document.

2. FEES

2.1. Participation Fee

(a) The total Participation Fee is approximately \$13,389.69, subject to Rule 2.1 (c).

(b) This Fee includes the following:

(i)	Competition Fee	\$1,602.57
(ii)	Contribution to Match Official Appointments Officer	\$412.50
(iii)	Technical Levy	\$1,328.80
(iv)	Disciplinary Levy	\$275.50
(v)	Match Officials Fee	\$4,750.00
(vi)	Junior Player Registration Fees	\$5,020.32

(c) The final confirmed amount will be based on the exact number of Player registrations undertaken by a Club throughout the season. This final adjustment, positive or negative, will be reflected in the 4th instalment noted in 2.1 (d) (iv).

(d) Regional clubs will be provided their participation fee directly.

(e) The Participation Fee will be paid over four instalments:

	Instalment	Amount	Invoice Date
(i)	Instalment 1	\$3,347.42	30/03/2024
(ii)	Instalment 2	\$3,347.42	30/04/2024
(iii)	Instalment 3	\$3,347.42	31/05/2024
(iv)	Instalment 4	TBC	31/07/2024

3. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

3.1. Each Club will be required to field and maintain the following teams unless otherwise specified in their Participation Agreement.

(a) Youth Competitions:

(i) 17 Years.

(ii) 15 Years.



(iii) 13 Years.

3.2. The Premier Youth League Girl's is comprised of 8 Clubs across the following Competitions:

(a) League Season.

(b) League Cup.

3.3. Competition Points for each Competition will be awarded in accordance with the 2024 Premier Competition Regulations unless otherwise specified.

4. PRE-SEASON MATCHES

4.1. NNSWF will schedule a minimum of 2 pre-season matches for PYL Girls teams to take place prior to the League Season.

5. LEAGUE CUP

5.1. The League Cup shall be conducted on a knock-out basis.

5.2. NNSWF shall conduct a draw inclusive of individual Team progression.

(a) The initial draw shall be conducted on the basis of a whole Club (inclusive of both PYL Girl's Teams and NPL Women's Teams).

5.3. Teams will play through the League as individual Teams and either progress or be eliminated.

5.4. In the event a Match is drawn at the conclusion of normal playing the result of the Match shall be decided by penalties as per FIFA Laws of the Game, including the Cup Final.

5.5. NNSWF will determine the Venue, kick-off time and playing date of all Grand Finals at its sole discretion.

6. LEAGUE SEASON FINAL SERIES

6.1. The Finals Series will be conducted under the following format:

(a) Finals Series Competition Fixtures:

Week 1			
Major Semi-Final	1 st Placed Team	v	2 nd Placed Team
Minor Semi-Final	3 rd Placed Team	v	4 th Placed Team
	Loser Eliminated		
Week 2			
Preliminary Final	Loser Major SF	v	Winner Minor SF
	Loser Eliminated		
Bye	Winner MSF1	v	Bye
Week 3			
Grand Final	Winner Major SF	v	Winner PF



(b) Preliminary Final host finals host venue is determined solely on the basis of first named NPL Women's NNSW 1st Grade teams.

(c) 17 Years, 15 Years and 13 Years Semi-finals will take place at the same venue as their equivalent 1st Grade Competition Fixtures.

(d) The first named team in all Finals Series Competition Fixtures will be the designated home team.

(e) If the winning teams for the 17 Years, 15 Years and 13 Years grand final cannot be determined by the above criteria, then the following will occur immediately after the conclusion of the second semi-final leg:

- (i)** Penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game to determine grand final placing's.
- (ii)** For the avoidance of no extra time will be played in Reserve Grade, 17 Years, 15 Years and 13 Years Competition Fixtures.

6.2. League Season Grand Final

(a) If winners for the 17 Years, 15 Years and 13 Years Finals Series Matches outlined in Rule 6.1 (a), Weeks 1-2 or Week 1 of Cup Finals Series cannot be determined at the conclusion of normal time, then the following will occur immediately after the conclusion of the Match:

- (i)** Penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game to determine a winner.
- (ii)** For the avoidance of doubt, no extra time will be played in 17 Years, 15 Years and 13 Years Competition Fixtures for these Matches.

(b) For all Grand Final Matches outlined in 6.1 (a), if a winner cannot be determined at the conclusion of normal time, then the following will occur immediately after the conclusion of the Match:

- (i)** For 17 Years, 15 Years and 13 Years, extra time periods will be 2 equal periods of 10 minutes.
- (ii)** 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 a winner.

(c) NNSWF will determine the Venue, kick-off time and playing date of all Grand Finals at its sole discretion.

6.3. Youth Finals Eligibility

(a) The grade a Player has played the highest percentage of their Matches in is the lowest grade in which they are eligible to participate in the Final's Series.



- (i) A Player is eligible to participate in the lowest grade they qualify for in accordance with 4.4 (a) and grades above.
- (ii) For the avoidance of doubt, percentage is calculated based on the number of individual games the Player has played, and not the number of games the Team has participated in.
- (iii) Should a player have played an equal percentage of their Matches in all grades they participated in, they will be considered eligible to participate in those grades.

(b) Should a player have played an equal percentage of their Matches in all grades they participated in, they will be considered eligible to participate in those grades.

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

(d) Should a Team be removed or withdrawn from a competition, NNSWF reserves the right to adjust finals eligibility requirements for remaining Clubs on the basis of a Player being eligible for the Team they have played the majority of matches for and the corresponding grades above.

7. AGE RESTRICTIONS

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

7.2. 2024 Youth Grades inclusive of:

(a) 17 Years.

(b) 15 Years.

(c) 13 Years.

(d) Players are considered eligible to participate within the below Age Groups in accordance with their date of birth:

Age Group	Eligible Date of Births
13 Years	2011, 2012 and 2013
15 Years	2009, 2010 and 2011
17 Years	2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

(i) Players born in 2011 may seek approval from NNSWF Technical Staff in order to be considered eligible to participate in the 17 Years.

(e) Players born 2009 and before, are permitted to play into any higher age group, including senior grades an unlimited number of times (subject to Final Series qualification).

7.3. Player Eligibility Exemptions

(a) Players are not permitted to play down into an age group or grade lower than they are age eligible for with the exception of:



- (i) In the event of an injury or unavailability to a Goalkeeper and the subsequent goalkeeper from the age group or grade below is unable to participate, Clubs must complete and submit the following form [Eligibility Form](#) allowing for permission to play the Goalkeeper from the corresponding next age group or grade above.
- (ii) The [Eligibility Form](#) must be completed and submitted by a Club Executive or the Club Technical Director by or before 9am the next Business Day following the completion of the Match.
- (iii) Clubs are responsible for collecting and storing applicable evidence to support the usage of a Goalkeeper from the higher age group which may be requested by NNSWF.
- (iv) In the event a Player or Goalkeeper does not meet the above criteria, Clubs may apply in writing to NNSWF to request special exemption.
- (v) Should a Club be found guilty of the using a Goalkeeper from a higher grade to gain Sporting Advantage, which may include taking adequate steps in assembling their squads appropriately, they may be subject to NNSWF Premier Competition Regulation 7 and corresponding sanctions.

8. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

8.1. The maximum number of Players permitted to be registered per club is:

- (a) 48 across all Youth Grades.

8.2. Biological Maturation

(a) Clubs may seek dispensation (under Biological Maturation guidelines) for a maximum of 2 Players in each of the 13 Years, 15 Years and 17 Years. Clubs seeking dispensation must apply to NNSWF on the prescribed request form:

- (i) <https://www.northernnswfootball.com.au/talented-players/biological-maturation>

(b) All Players applying for Biological Maturation exemption must attend a physical session with NNSWF Player Development staff before being approved.

(c) Biological Maturation approvals are at the sole discretion of the NNSWF and are not appealable.

9. MATCH DURATION

9.1. Each Match in shall consist of the following:

Age Grade	Match Duration	Half-Time Interval
17 Years	2 x 40-minute halves	5 minutes (min.) 10 minutes (max.)
15 Years	2 x 40-minute halves	5 minutes (min.) 10 minutes (max.)
13 Years	2 x 40-minute halves	5 minutes (min.) 10 minutes (max.)

9.2. Additional time for injuries and stoppages is not applicable to Youth Grades.



10. MATCH BALLS

10.1. Mitre is the approved Match ball for season 2024.

(a) Approved Match balls must be used in all Competition Fixtures.

10.2. The following Match ball sizes must be used:

Competition	Match Ball Size	Match Ball Min. Quality
17 Years	5	Mid-range Mitre
15 Years		
13 Years	4	Mid-range Mitre

11. TEAM OFFICIALS & TECHNICAL AREA

11.1. Clubs will be permitted to the following number of Team Officials and interchange Players within in the Technical Area during a fixture:

Competition	Maximum Officials Permitted	Maximum Players Permitted
17 Years	6 Registered Team Officials	5 Interchange Players
15 Years		
13 Years		

(a) All Team Officials & Players must be eligible to participate in the Match and named accordingly on the Official Team Sheet on Squadi.

11.2. All registered Team Officials must display their NNSWF Accreditation Pass at all times.

11.3. A Player or Team Official who has been expelled or is serving a suspension is not permitted to be in the Technical Area during a fixture in accordance with the 2024 Premier Competition Regulations.

12. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

12.1. Interchange (Youth Grades)

(a) A Team is permitted to name a maximum of 5 interchange Players on the Team Sheet.

(b) A Team will be permitted to make unlimited interchanges during each half and the half-time interval:

12.2. The interchange rule will apply for the following competitions:

(a) 17 Years;

(b) 15 Years;

(c) 13 Years.

13. RESCHEDULED FIXTURES



13.1. League Competition and League Cup Fixtures

(a) All League and League Cup Competition Fixtures postponed due to inclement weather, or any other causes will in the first instance be rescheduled to the next available catch-up round, with preference given to matchdays where multiple grades have been postponed.

(b) Should there be no available catch-up rounds, the matches will be replayed the second week after the postponement as follows with due consideration given to previously scheduled Competition Fixtures:

17 Years	Thursday	7:40pm
15 Years	Tuesday	6:00pm
13 Years	Tuesday	6:00pm

13.2. League Competition Fixtures Involving Regional Teams

(a) Competition Fixtures postponed due to inclement weather, or any other causes will in the first instance be rescheduled to the next available catch-up round, with preference given to matchdays where either multiple grades have been postponed or, for matches involving regional based teams (Mid Coast FC).

(i) NNSWF reserves the right to revert scheduled Competition Fixtures from catch-up rounds to mid-week in accordance with 13.1 (b) where metropolitan based Teams were scheduled in the event a regional based Team can participate in rescheduled Competition Fixtures against a metropolitan Team.

(ii) Adjustments to catch-up round scheduling, including prioritising regional based Teams over metropolitan v metropolitan rescheduled Competition Fixtures shall only be permitted where the rescheduled Competition Fixture is confirmed in advance of 10 Business Days prior to existing rescheduled Competition Fixtures.

(iii) In the event of no available catch-up rounds for regional based Teams, both Clubs can agree to an alternate date which may include a double header weekend within a 10 Business Day period following the postponement of the Competition Fixture(s).

(b) Should both Clubs fail to agree on a date within this period the result of the Matches concerned will be recorded as nil all draw (0-0) excluded 1st Grade.

(c) NNSWF reserves the right at its absolute discretion to consider all available options to ensure that as many fixtures as possible are played during a period of inclement weather or postponements, and where any Competition Fixture may have a bearing on a Finals Series position all endeavours will be made to reschedule Competition Fixture.

13.3. Should inclement weather persist and cause the postponement of rescheduled Competition Fixtures, NNSWF will liaise with the home club to determine new Competition Fixture dates.



13.4. The availability of Players or Team Officials will not be taken into consideration when determining rescheduled fixtures.