



**WESTFIELD FFA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUNDS 2017
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FOOTBALL FEDERATION VICTORIA**

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1. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1.1. General Information

- 1.1.1. All Clubs participating in the FFA Cup are bound by FFA's *Westfield FFA Cup Competition Regulations* as promulgated by FFA from time to time.
- 1.1.2. These Supplementary Competition Regulations (**Regulations**) shall apply to all Westfield FFA Cup (**FFA Cup**) Preliminary Round fixtures administered by FFV and may be amended by FFV at any time.
- 1.1.3. To the extent there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the *Westfield FFA Cup Competition Regulations*, the latter shall prevail.
- 1.1.4. Terms defined in the *Westfield FFA Cup Competition Regulations* and FFV Rules of Competition shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 1.1.5. All Victorian Men's State League (**MSL**) and National Premier Leagues (**NPL**) Victoria Clubs are required to register and participate in the FFA Cup. Failure to comply may result in a club being penalised under the GDT.
- 1.1.6. The FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds will follow a gradual seeding based on each Club's 2017 Division allocation. In addition, MSL 3 Clubs will be further seeded into an upper 12 and lower 12, based on 2016 positions. Clubs will enter the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds at the following stages:
 - a. All Clubs in MSL 5 and all non MSL/NPL Clubs will enter the tournament in the Qualifying Round;
 - b. All Clubs in MSL 4 and the lower 12 Clubs of MSL 3 will enter at Round One (1);
 - c. All Clubs in MSL 2 and the upper 12 Clubs of MSL 3 will enter at Round Two (2);
 - d. All Clubs in MSL 1 will enter at Round Three (3); and
 - e. All Clubs in NPL and NPL 2 will enter at Round Four (4).
- 1.1.7. FFV may amend the seeding of any Club within the draw as it deems necessary.
- 1.1.8. All Round winners will proceed to the next Round.

- 1.1.9. All Round draws will be random with no separation of seeds within each round.
- 1.1.10. Where required, a bye round will fill any vacant slots in the draw process.
- 1.1.11. The competition progression will be as follows:
- a. **Qualifying Round:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.6.a with winners progressing to Round One (1).
 - b. **Round 1:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.6.b plus the winners of all matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.11.a with winners progressing to Round Two (2).
 - c. **Round 2:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.6.c plus the winners of all matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.11.b with winners progressing to Round Three (3).
 - d. **Round 3:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.6.d plus the winners of all matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.11.c with winners progressing to Round Four (4).
 - e. **Round 4:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.6.e plus the winners of all matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.11.d with winners progressing to Round Five (5).
 - f. **Round 5:** Winners of matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.11.e with winners progressing to Round Six (6).
 - g. **Round 6:** Winners of matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.11.f with winners progressing to Round Seven (7).
 - h. **Round 7:** Winners of matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.11.g with winners progressing to the National FFA Cup Round of 32.
- 1.1.12. FFV may alter Competition Fixture dates, venues and /or kick off times and dates as it deems necessary in its sole and absolute discretion.

1.2. Player Eligibility

- 1.2.1. FFV's 2017 Grievance, Discipline and Tribunal By-Law (**GDT**) shall apply where a Club fields an Ineligible Player in any FFA Cup Preliminary Round match, or otherwise commits a breach of the [National Disciplinary Regulations](#) or Westfield FFA Cup Competition Regulations where applicable.
- 1.2.2. To be eligible to participate in the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds in Victoria, players must turn 16 years (or older) in 2017 unless an application to FFV for exemption from Regulation 1.2.2 is made by the player's Club on behalf of a player and is accepted by FFV.

- 1.2.3. Any such request for an exemption must at a minimum meet the following criteria. The player:
- a. must be supported by a signed letter from the player's Club supporting the application;
 - b. be supported by a signed letter from the player's Team coach; and
 - c. be supported by a signed letter of consent from the player's parent or guardian supporting the application.
- 1.2.4. All player dispensations referred to in Regulation 1.2.2 will be considered by the FFV Technical Director.
- 1.2.5. If any application does not satisfy criteria in Regulation 1.2.3.a., FFV may request additional information before considering the application.
- 1.2.6. In accordance with clause 13.2(a) of the *Westfield FFA Cup Competition Regulations*, to be eligible to play in the FFA Cup, players must be currently registered to their Club in accordance with the National Registration Regulations.
- 1.2.7. In addition, for the Preliminary Rounds, players must be registered to their Club in accordance with any FFV registration rules applicable to that Club's senior men's team (which, for a National Premier Leagues Club, includes the Player Points System).
- 1.2.8. Where a Club makes more than the permitted three (3) substitutions in a FFA Cup match, the additional substituted Player(s) will be deemed ineligible for the purposes of that fixture.

2. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

2.1. Ground Marshals

- 2.1.1. Each Club must provide the number of marshals (**Ground Marshals**) directed by FFV.
- 2.1.2. Ground Marshals must:
- be at least 18 years old and provide the Match Official with their name;
 - be in a clearly identifiable uniform;
 - be visible from the field of play at all times;
 - escort the Match Official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the fixture, at half time and at full time; and
 - where required, assist the Match Officials(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all Players, Club Officials and spectators.
- 2.1.3. Match Officials must not leave their dressing rooms to enter the Field of Play or return to their rooms from the Field of Play until the identifiable Ground Marshals are present.

Table 2.1 – Minimum Number of Ground Marshals for all Preliminary Round Fixtures

Round	Minimum Number of Ground Marshals
Qualifying & 1	2
2 & 3	4
4, 5, 6 & 7	6

- 2.1.4. FFV may vary the minimum Ground Marshal requirements for any Preliminary Round Fixture at any time.
- 2.1.5. Each home and away Club is required to provide 50% of the required Ground Marshals for each Preliminary Round Fixture, failure to do so resulting in the Club being subject to a penalty under the GDT.

2.2. Player's Strip

- 2.2.1. *Team Strip*
- All Clubs must nominate a 'Home' and an 'Alternate' playing strip prior to the commencement of that Club's first FFA Cup match in 2017. The Club's 'Home' and 'Alternate' playing strips must be entered into the FFA Cup 2017 Preliminary Rounds Registration Form.

The 'Home' Club is the first named Club in the fixture for the purposes of strip allocation for a fixture, irrespective of where the fixture is played.

- b. The Home Club in each Preliminary Round fixture is required to wear their nominated 'Home' playing strip, unless otherwise instructed by FFV.
- c. In the instance of a strip clash between the home and away Team as determined by the Match Official, the away Team is required to provide a sufficient alternate playing strip, as determined by the Match Official and/or FFV.
- d. A Club may be penalised and a forfeit win awarded to the non-offending Team if a Preliminary Round fixture does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that such Club or Team did not comply with Rule 2.2.1.c.

Table 2.2 – Clashes and Permissions

	Preliminary Round Fixture		
	MSL vs. MSL	MSL vs. NPL	NPL vs. NPL
Playing Shirt	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted
Shorts	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted
Socks	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted

2.3. Match Balls

- 2.3.1. The Home Club shall provide the Match Official with three (3) match balls (size 5) no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the FFA Cup Preliminary Round Fixture.
- 2.3.2. All Clubs must use a licensed match ball from one (1) of FFV's licensed ball manufacturers as advised by FFV from time to time (see FFV Website). Where directed by FFA or FFV, Clubs must use the Official FFA Cup Match Ball. In addition, all Round 7 fixtures must use the Official FFA Cup Match Ball supplied.
- 2.3.3. Any breach of the match ball licensing arrangements must be reported to FFV by the Match Official.
- 2.3.4. A failure to comply with Regulation 2.3 will result in a fine at level BR2 as set out in the GDT.

2.4. Results of Matches

2.4.1. *Minimum Requirements to be entered by the respective Home Club and Away Club*

a. Home Club

- (i) Half Time Score
- (ii) Full Time Score (including where required extra time and penalties)
- (iii) Home Team Player List
- (iv) Home Team Goal Scorers
- (v) Home Team Yellow Cards
- (vi) Home Team Red Cards

b. Away Club

- (i) Away Team Player List
- (ii) Away Team Goal Scorers
- (iii) Away Team Yellow Cards
- (iv) Away Team Red Cards

2.4.2. All results information shall be entered online via Fox Sports Pulse no more than 60 minutes following the conclusion of each match.

2.4.3. Clubs which fail to notify FFV of the results of any FFA Cup Preliminary Round match by the time and in the manner stipulated above may be fined at the level of BR1 and may be further penalised under the GDT.

2.4.4. Clubs are obliged to participate in FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures. Any Club which fails to do so may be penalised as per Regulation 1.1.5. in addition to the following:

- a. the Club will be deemed to have forfeited the fixture;
- b. if notified of Non Participation by 9.00am five (5) days prior to the fixture no fine will apply; and
- c. if notified of Non Participation after 9.00am and less than five (5) prior days to the fixture, a Club may be fined at level BR2.

2.4.5. In the event of forfeit without adequate notification to FFV, the payment of any Match Official Match Fees is entirely (100%) the responsibility of the non-participating Club. The payment will be shared (50%) if both Clubs do not participate in the fixture.

2.5. Venue Requirements

2.5.1. **Qualifying Round - Round 3:** D class venue more particularly described in Schedule 3 of the FFV Rules of Competition (**ROC**).

- 2.5.2. **Round 4 - Round 7:** B class venue more particularly described in Schedule 3 of the ROC, or as otherwise approved by FFV at its sole and absolute discretion
- 2.5.3. Synthetic pitches may be used for FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures upon the approval of FFV and dispensation may be given surrounding the certification of the pitch.

2.6. Lighting Standards

- 2.6.1. Clubs wishing to play Preliminary Round fixtures under lights must ensure that the facility lighting complies with [FFV's Football Lighting Policy](#) as published from time to time.

Table 2.6 – Lighting Requirements for Preliminary Round Fixtures

Fixture	Minimum Lux	Minimum Horizontal Uniformities		Maximum Glare Rating
		U ₁ min:avg	U ₂ min:max	
MSL vs. MSL	100	0.50	0.30	50
MSL vs. NPL	100	0.50	0.30	50
NPL vs. NPL	200	0.60	0.40	50

2.7 Stretchers / First Aid

- 2.7.1. Each Home Club must allocate one (1) stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures.
- 2.7.2. Each Home Club must provide a First Aid Kit including, but not limited to:
- a. Band Aids;
 - b. Bandages; and
 - c. Ice Pack (or other available ice).

2.8 Hosting of FFA Cup Preliminary Round Fixtures

- 2.8.1 The Club drawn first and named first on published fixtures will be the Home nominated Club.
- 2.8.2 Home Clubs must provide a venue and kick off preference within three (3) business days from the publication of the draw, subject to the following conditions:
- a. if the Home Club is unable to provide a suitable venue the second named Club of the fixture will be given two (2) business days to provide both a venue and a kick off preference;

- b. if any Club provides written confirmation of their inability to host the match prior to the deadlines set in Regulation 2.8, the Clubs forfeit their hosting rights including kick off preference;
 - c. in the event that neither participating Club can provide a venue, FFV at its sole discretion will provide a venue and allocate a kick off date and time. This shall not be appealable; and
 - d. due to time constraints, for all Round 2, Round 3 and Round 4 fixtures, the Home Club must inform FFV of their nominated home ground within 48 hours of the draw, unless otherwise advised by FFV
- 2.8.3 FFV may alter the deadline for venue and kick off preferences outlined in Regulation 2.8.2 as it deems necessary and at its sole discretion.

2.9 Security & Policing

- 2.9.1 The Club which hosts a Preliminary Round fixture is responsible for security and/or police as directed by FFV. Ordinarily this will be wholly the responsibility of the Home listed Club but FFV reserves the right to require any Club involved in a Preliminary Round fixture to meet FFV determined security requirements.
- 2.9.2 All Clubs, players, Match Officials and Club Officials participating in an FFA Cup match must comply with the FFV's Match Day Risk & Security Policy as promulgated by FFV, and any security arrangements put in place as a result of the application of that policy

3 FIXTURE DETAILS

3.1. Admittance to Preliminary Round Fixtures

3.1.1. Admittance Prices

Admittance prices for the FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds shall be up to the following maximums:

	Adult	Child	Car parking
Qualifying, Round 1 & 2	\$5	\$3	\$3
Round 3	\$6	\$4	\$3
Round 4	\$8	\$5	\$3
Round 5 & 6	\$10	\$7	\$3
Round 7	\$12	\$8	\$3

Please note that Clubs may only charge the full amount (GST Incl.), if they are registered for GST.

3.1.2. Conditions of Entry to Venues

3.7.1.1 FFV's and FFA's conditions of entry to venues apply to all matches in the Preliminary Rounds. Each hosting Club shall display those conditions at each entry point to the venue.

3.2. Match Official Fees

3.2.1. FFA Cup Preliminary Round Match Officials fees outlined below in Table 3.2 will apply but are subject to change at any time:

Table 3.2 – Match Official Fees for Preliminary Round Fixtures

	Referee	Assistant Referee 1	Assistant Referee 2
Qualifying & Round 1	\$120	\$65	\$65
Round 2	\$125	\$65	\$65
Round 3	\$135	\$70	\$70
Round 4 & 5	\$170	\$80	\$80
Round 6	\$200	\$90	\$90
Round 7	\$250	\$100	\$100

3.2.2. The Home Club is responsible for the payment of Match Officials fees as published by FFV from time to time, however:

- a. Should the Home listed Club not provide a venue and the Away listed Club provide a venue, the Away listed Club will be responsible for the Match Official fees.

- b. Where agreed upon in writing between competing Clubs, Clubs may split the payment of Match Official fees.
- 3.2.3. If any FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixture is played at an FFV selected neutral venue the Match Official fees are split equally between the participating Clubs.

3.3. Fixture Time and Playing Days

- 3.3.1. FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures will be played on either: Friday, Saturday or Monday, although FFV may schedule FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures on other days as it deems necessary, or otherwise approves.
- 3.3.2. Friday or Monday night FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures may not kick off earlier than 7:00pm or later than 8:00PM, unless the FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3 of the ROC or as otherwise determined by FFV.
- 3.3.3. FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures cannot be scheduled for a Friday or Monday night if the distance between the home venues of the two (2) Clubs exceeds 50km, unless upon written agreement of the two (2) Clubs, or otherwise determined by FFV.
- 3.3.4. FFA Cup Preliminary Round fixtures may not kick off earlier than 12:00pm or later than 8:00pm, unless either fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3. of the ROC, or as otherwise scheduled by FFV.
- 3.3.5. Where a Regional based Club (as determined by FFV) is fixtured against a Metropolitan based Club in the following FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds; Qualifying, Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 or Round 4, FFV may in its sole and absolute discretion direct a set kick off time to allow sufficient travel time to and from the venue for the 'Away' Club.
- 3.3.6. Fixtures may be played on alternate days and times with the written consent of both competing Clubs providing it does not negatively impact the draw or future rounds.
- 3.3.7. Where possible, each Round 7 fixture will be scheduled on a separate date. The scheduling of Round 7 fixtures is at the absolute and sole discretion of FFV.

4 GDT APPLICABILITY

- 4.1 FFV's 2017 Grievance, Discipline and Tribunal By-Law (GDT) will apply in any FFA Cup Preliminary Round Match in respect of all Red Cards, Yellow Cards and Misconduct matters or otherwise where a Player or Club commits a breach of the [National Disciplinary Regulations](#) or Westfield FFA Cup Competition Regulations as applicable.