

CLUB TASKS AND TIMELINES 2022 NPL and CPL Competitions

16/02/2022

To assist your planning and administration, this document has been developed to provide NPL and CPL Clubs with a list of timelines and key tasks leading into the 2022 NPL and CPL Season. Please note the NPL and CPL season will be starting on 2 April 2022.

Summary of Key TIMELINES

| Date | Milestone | Who | Status |
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| Prior to any Trials or Training Sessions being held | Trial / Training Sanction Form | Clubs | Ongoing |
| Seven business days prior to holding a trial match | Trial Matches | Clubs | Ongoing |
| 31/01/2022 | NPL and CPL Club Coaching Form Due | Clubs | Some Clubs Outstanding |
| 01/02/2022 | FFA Cup / Federation Cup Information Released | CF | Upcoming |
| 01/02/2022 | Preliminary Team Lists Due | Clubs | Upcoming |
| 5/02/2021 | Club Affiliation Form Due | Clubs | Upcoming |
| 7/02/2022 | NPL and CPL Competition Regulations sent out | CF | Upcoming |
| 10/12/2021 | Registration Window Opens (if registration package set up is complete) | Clubs | Some clubs outstanding |
| 13/02/2022 | FFA Cup Entries Close | Clubs | Upcoming |
| 13/02/2022 | Women's Federation Cup Entries Close | Clubs | Upcoming |
| 12/02/2022 | Pre-season Meeting | CF / Clubs | Upcoming |
| 14/02/2022 | NPL and CPL Playing Strips Submission Form Due | Clubs | Some clubs outstanding |
| 16/02/2022 | FFA Cup / Federation Cup Round 3 Draw | CF | Upcoming |
| 28/02/2022 | Child Protection and Welfare Criteria Due | Clubs | Upcoming |
| 28/02/2022 | Final Team Lists Due | Clubs | Ongoing |
| 3/04/2022 | Football Australia e-learning education workshops for all NPLW 1 st Grade and Reserve Grade teams and NPL/CPL 1 st Grade and U23 teams must be completed | Clubs | Ongoing |



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KEY TASKS

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| Task | Action Required by Club |
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| Trial Match Request Form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All clubs are asked to submit their trial information to Capital Football for sanctioning, via the Trial Match Request Form Trials sessions must be sanctioned, in order for participants to be covered by insurance. Clubs are required to complete the form for any inter club trial matches (i.e. trial matches that are against another club), played either against other CF clubs or other Member Federation clubs. The form should be completed by the home club, except where you are playing another Member Federation club (as the CF club must complete this form). This form must be submitted a minimum of seven (7) business days prior to the trial match being held (please note this has been altered from previous seasons where it was five business days to ensure referee coverage can be provided). Please note that the Referees Pre-season Seminar will be held on Saturday, 19 February 2022 and therefore no match officials can be appointed to trial matches on this date. |
| Competition Regulations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF have compiled and reviewed the feedback previously provided by Clubs CF will be releasing the new NPL and CPL regulations on 7 February 2022 |
| Playing Strips | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Equipment and Commercial Regulations for the 2022 NPL and CPL Competitions will be out 7 February, please ensure that your club's playing strips meet the requirements outlined within this document. Complete the 2022 NPL and CPL Playing Strip Submission Form by COB Monday, 14 February 2022 for CF and FA to review. More information on playing strips is available in the key information at the end of this document. |
| Coaching Staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs have been emailed to confirm their coaching staff for the 2022 season. If you have not already done so, please complete the Club Contact Details form, so we can identify any of your coaches who need to sit on courses and to try and assist with scheduling more courses if required. |
| Club Affiliation Form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We ask that all Clubs please complete the 2022 Capital Football Club Affiliation Form by COB 4 February. Only Clubs who have submitted this Club Affiliation Form will be able to commence registering through Play Football on the registration opening dates |
| Registration Package Set Up/Registration Windows | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The registration package set up can commence CF have offered assistance with setting up the packages, so please contact tej.sapate@capitalfootball.com.au |
| Team Lists (Players and Team Officials) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs are required to provide Capital Football a team list (including players and team officials) for each of their NPL and CPL teams, using the template emailed out by CF. Clubs are to update Capital Football when players are to be added/removed from team lists. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These lists will be used to allocate players and officials into teams on Play Football, as well as generating the ID Cards for the season. • Clubs are requested to submit team lists as early as possible, with a preliminary team list due by 1 February 2022 and final team lists to be submitted by 28 February 2022. |
| FFA Cup/Fed Cup Nominations & Info | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information will be released on 1 February 2022 |
| Pre-season Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NPL and CPL pre-season meeting will be held on Saturday, 12 February 2022 at the Rex Hotel with further information to be released soon. |
| Sports Integrity e-learning workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All NPLM 1st Grade and U23, NPLW 1st Grade and Reserve Grade and CPLM 1st Grade and U23 players and staff MUST complete the following e-learning workshops by 3 April 2022. • Introduction to Match Fixing (required for all Players and Officials) (Introduction to the Integrity of Sport) • Coaches Course (required for all coaches); and • Medical Practitioners Course (required by any club doctors) <p>Individuals will need to sign up for the e-learning portal on the Sport Integrity Australia website. Clubs are to keep records of who has completed the courses.</p> |

KEY NPL and CPL INFORMATION

The 2022 NPL and CPL Competition Regulations are currently being reviewed and will be published on 7 February. In the absence of finalised Regulations, please find below some key information pertaining to the 2022 NPL and CPL Competitions, to assist you with your planning.



Coaching Qualifications



In 2022 Capital Football will be requiring clubs to meet the minimum requirements. The below table outlines the updated Coaching Qualifications required for the 2022 and 2023 seasons and will be put into the 2022 NPL and CPL Competition Regulations.

| Criteria | Category 1 Minimum Standard Required for NPLW & NPLM | Category 2 Minimum Standard Required for CPLM, NPLG, NPLB & CPLB | Category 3 Minimum Standard Recommended for SLW1, JLG1, SLM1 & JLO1 |
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| General | | | |
| Goal Keeping Coach | Level 1 GK Licence | GK Certificate | GK Certificate |
| Women's | | | |
| 1 st Grade Head Coach | B-Licence | | C-Licence |
| Reserve Grade Head Coach | C-licence | | Enrolled in C-Licence |
| Men's | | | |
| 1 st Grade Head Coach | B-Licence | C-Licence | C-Licence |
| U23 Head Coach | C-licence | C-Licence | Enrolled in C-Licence |
| Girl's | | | |
| Technical Director | | B-Licence | C-Licence |
| U17 | | C-Licence | Enrolled in C-Licence for U16, U14, U12 Junior League Division 1 |
| U15 | | C-Licence | |
| U14 | | C-Licence | |
| Boy's | | | |
| Technical Director | | B-Licence | C-Licence |
| U18 | | C-licence | Enrolled in C-Licence For U16, U15, and U13 Junior League Division 1 |
| U16 | | C-licence | |
| U14 | | C-licence | |
| U13 | | C-licence | |

Player Points system (PPS) and visa player requirements

For the 2022 NPL Season, Capital Football will not be utilising the PPS in its entirety, however CF will sit down with clubs during 2022 to go over the documentation which will be mandatory in 2023. Certain aspects of the PPS system will be implemented for the 2022 NPL CF Competition where appropriate and to provide opportunity for 'visa players' to participate.

- At all times during the 2022 NPL season, a Club must include a minimum of 20 Players and may include a maximum of 23 Players on its First Grade Player Roster.
- All Players must be registered to the appropriate age grade. Any Player born prior to 1 January 1999 must be included on his NPL Club's First Team Player Roster.
- Clubs are permitted to register two (2) visa Players into their First Grade Player Roster and may only list two (2) visa Players per Match on their First-Grade team sheet.
 - For clarity a Visa Player is any player who does not have current Australian Citizenship or approved Australian Permanent Residency.

Any Club that progresses to the FFA Cup Round of 32 or the NPL Finals Series will be required to be compliant with the PPS requirements as specified by FA.



Amateur Competitions

Similar to the 2021 NPL season, Capital Football will be setting the 2022 CF NPL competitions as Amateur only competitions. This means that Clubs will not be able to sign players using the FA Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract.

This decision has been made as a result of changes in the FIFA Regulatory Framework, in regard to registration windows, resulting in the alignment of National competition registration windows to Member Federation registration windows, where competitions have professional players. This change would have had a significant impact on the registration windows that Capital Football could set for the 2022 season, and as such has guided our decision to set our NPL competitions as amateur only competitions, particularly given we did not have any professional registrations for the 2021 season. It is hoped that the 2023 season will see greater alignment of these registration windows, allowing CF to reintroduce the option for clubs to sign professional players.

Player rosters

In accordance with the 2022 NPL and CPL Competition Regulations, for the 2022 NPL and CPL Season, the following maximum number of players are permitted in each age grade:

| League | Age Grade | Squad Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| NPL Men's & CPL Men's | First Grade & U23 combined | 40 |
| NPL Women's | First Grade & Reserve Grade combined | 40 |
| NPL Girls | U17 | 16 |
| | U15 | 16 |
| | U14 | 18 |
| NPL Boys & CPL Boys | U18 | 16 |
| | U16 | 16 |
| | U14 | 16 |
| | U13 | 18 |



Exemptions

The RAE process for NPL and CPL Clubs will be placed into the NPL and CPL Competition regulations, alongside all other NPL and CPL exemptions. The exemption form will be available on the Capital Football website. For ease of reference, the following exemptions are available:

- RAE
 - This exemption is for players in the NPLG U14 and U15, NPLB U13, U14, U16 and CPLB U13, U14 and U16
 - The Technical Director must show that the player would be negatively affected by playing in their own NPL Boys, CPL Boys and NPL Girls age grade due to developmental obstacles attributable to their month of birth and/or their height/weight.
- Females Playing in the NPLB or CPLB
 - This exemption is for female participants wanting to play in the NPLB or CPLB competition only. Females playing in the NPLB or CPLB will need to be age eligible to participate in these competitions
- Females Playing in the NPLB/CPLB and NPL Women's
 - This exemption is for female participants wishing to play in both the NPLB/CPLB and NPLG competitions and are age eligible across both competitions
- Underage Players
 - This exemption is for a player under the age of 16 wishing to participate in the NPLM or CPLM competitions or wishing to participate in the NPLW competitions.
- Goalkeepers playing in the NPLB, CPLB, NPLG wanting to play in NPLM, CPLM or NPLW
 - This exemption is for goalkeepers in the NPLB, CPLB and NPLG wishing to participate in both NPLB, CPLB or NPLG and the NPLM, CPLM or NPLW competitions.

PLAYING STRIPS

The following age grades are required to display the NPL logo on their playing strip:

- NPL Men's 1st Grade and U23;
- NPL Womens 1st Grade and Reserve Grade;

Clubs are permitted to place the Competition logo on the playing strip of other NPL age grades should they wish. Please note that Clubs must use the new NPL logo and not the old NPL logo.

The Competition logo must appear on the right chest when worn. Should the manufacturer logo also appear on the right chest, the Competition logo shall be placed directly above the manufacturer logo.

Where possible Clubs are to use the primary National NPL logo on their playing kits, however where



the Competition logo is being sublimated, Club's need to ensure they use the appropriate colour (Primary, Black or White) to ensure the logo doesn't get lost.

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Should any clubs have any questions about the logo and its placement, or if you have the old NPL logo on your 2022 playing strip please

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