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NPL/CPL Competition Regulations

This document briefly introduces revised competition regulations for the NPL/CPL competitions. Not every section or article in the current competition regulations have been reviewed, with the revisions addressing matters arising during the competitions in 2022.

1. Criteria for eligibility to participate in the NPL/CPL have been updated, such update including the removal of ground criteria - ground control deemed to be the responsibility in most cases of the ACT Government and Capital Football (Schedule 2)
2. Sections relating to Relative Age Effect (RAE) have been replaced by Sections providing for a 'Biological Maturation' approach to requests for age eligibility exemptions relating to developmental stage of a talented player (Section 3 Articles 3.7-3.19)
3. Squad numbers have been increased to reflect current and likely ongoing issues relating to COVID (Section 4 Article 8)
4. Greater flexibility is provided for young players to play up into teams within their club, including in finals (Section 3 Article 4)
5. A limit is now set on Visa players (Section 4 Article 7)
6. Sections relating to Club Vested Officials have been expanded to provide detail on the responsibilities in the role (Section 5 Article 10.5)
7. Provisions relating to the rescheduling of games have been simplified (Section 2 Article 10)
8. Sections relating to forfeits have been significantly revised and address, inter alia, the previous approach of potential sanctions of all teams for the forfeits of one team (Section 2 Article 11)
9. Provisions relating to CUA have been significantly revised to allow CUA teams to compete at the same level as other teams
10. Fines have been increased for some breaches (Schedule 4)
11. Delegations to Management have been articulated (Section 1 Article 3)

Regards,



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