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# CLUB TASKS AND TIMELINES

## 2024 NPL & CPL COMPETITIONS

10/01/2024

To assist your planning and administration, this document has been developed to provide NPL Clubs with a list of timelines and key tasks leading into the 2024 NPL/CPL Season.

### SUMMARY OF KEY TIMELINES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Status</u>
Prior to any Trials or Training Sessions	Trial / Training Sanction Form	Clubs	Ongoing
Seven days prior to holding a trial match	Trial Matches	Clubs	Ongoing
20/11/2023	Equipment and Commercial Regulations Released	CF	<b>Complete</b>
23/11/2023	2024 NPL/CPL Calendar Released	CF	<b>Complete</b>
01/12/2023	NPL Match Schedule Information Due	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>
01/12/2023	NPL Playing Strips Submission Form Due	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>
11/12/2023	NPL Club Contact Form Due	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>
22/12/2023	Aus Cup / Federation Cup Information Released	CF	<b>Complete</b>
22/12/2023	Draft 2024 NPL/CPL Regulations Released	CF	<b>Complete</b>
22/12/2023	2024 Draft NPL/CPL Match Schedules Released	CF	<b>Complete</b>
23/12/2023	2024 Playing Fees Released	CF	<b>Complete</b>
01/01/2024	Age Dispensations Open for Submissions	CF	<b>Ongoing</b>
09/01/2024	Registration Window Opens	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>
24/01/2024	Australia Cup & Federation Cup Entries Close	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>
31/01/2024	Feedback on 2024 Draft NPL/CPL Match Schedule Due	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>
31/01/2024	Feedback on 2024 Draft NPL & CPL Regulations Due	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>



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01/02/2024	Australia/Fed Cup Draw	CF	<b>Complete</b>
09/02/2024	Club Affiliation Form Due	Clubs	<b>Complete</b>
03/03/2024	Charity Shield	CF/Clubs	Ongoing
29/03/2024	Squad List Submissions Due	Clubs	Ongoing
29/03/2024	Players Mapped into Dribl	Clubs	Ongoing
30/04/2024	Clubs to have booked grounds allocated to them	Clubs	Ongoing

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Status</u>
March (Dates TBC)	Pre-season Debrief	CF/Clubs	TBC
29/03/2024	NPL/CPL Youth Final Team Lists Due	Clubs	Ongoing
05/04/2024	NPL/CPL Youth Registration Closes 11:59pm	Clubs	Ongoing
05/04/2024	NPL/CPL Registration Window Closes at 11:59pm	Clubs	Ongoing
29/03/2024	NPL/CPL Final Squad Lists Due	Clubs	Ongoing
05/04/2024	NPL/CPL Competitions Commence	CF/Clubs	Ongoing
06/04/2024	NPL Boys, NPL Girls and CPL Boys Commences	CF/Clubs	Ongoing
30/04/2024	Clubs to have booked grounds allocated to them	Clubs	Ongoing

*\*CF reserves the right to adjust dates and tasks where necessary.*

## KEY TASKS

Task	Action Required by Club
<b>Trial/Training Sanction Form</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All clubs are asked to submit their trial/training information to Capital Football for sanctioning.</li> <li>Trials/training sessions must be sanctioned for participants to be covered by insurance.</li> </ul>
<b>Competition Regulations Consultation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competition regulations have been distributed to all clubs. The consultation process includes reviewing the regulations and providing any feedback by January 31, 2024. Following the feedback being received, CF will examine the feedback, and discuss and explore any requests.</li> <li>A final copy of the above regulations will be published in February.</li> </ul>
<b>Playing Strips</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please review the <a href="#">2024 Equipment and Commercial Regulations</a> to ensure your playing strips meet the requirements.</li> <li>Complete the <a href="#">2024 NPL/CPL Playing Strip Submission</a> by COB Friday, 1 December 2023 for CF and FFA to review.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More information on playing strips is available in the key information at the end of this document.</li> </ul>
<b>Club Contacts and Coaching Audit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">2024 NPL &amp; CPL Club Contact Details Form</a> is due Friday 1 December 2023. This information will be used to confirm club contacts, as well as the Coaching Accreditation Audit process.</li> </ul>
<b>2024 Calendar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2024 Competitions Calendar will be communicated to clubs in November.</li> </ul>
<b>Registration Package Set Up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The registration package set up can commence from 8 January 2024.</li> <li>• CF staff are happy to assist clubs with their set up of registration packages.</li> </ul>
<b>Registration Periods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pre-season registration period for the 2024 NPL/CPL Season will open Tuesday January 9, 2024, and close Friday 5th April 2024.</li> <li>• The Mid-Season Registration Window will be as per the 2024 NPL and CPL Competition Regulations.</li> </ul>
<b>Team Lists (Players and Team Officials)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs are required to Map their players into their respective teams in Dribl (Players Teams should correspond with their Play Football Registration).</li> <li>• The final date for this is Friday 5 April 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Trial Matches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs are required to complete the <a href="#">Trial Match Request Form</a> 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.</li> <li>• The form should be completed by the home club, except where you are playing a club from another Member Federation or Association (as the CF club must complete this form).</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Please note that the Referees Pre-season Seminar will be a match free day with Dates to be communicated to Clubs once they have been finalised.</li> </ul>
<b>FFA Cup/Fed Cup</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information will be released to Clubs prior to the Christmas break.</li> </ul>
<b>Pre-season Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NPL/CPL pre-season meeting will be held early next year. Final dates to be confirmed and communicated in 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Dribl</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see the link to CF's guides on using Dribl - <a href="#">DRIBL GUIDES</a></li> <li>• We are in the process of updating Dribl for the 2024 season and will communicate with Clubs when this is complete.</li> </ul>
<b>Allocations Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocated sportsgrounds, once granted to a sport are protected from the 1st of February – 30th April. As of the 1st of May, any unbooked grounds become available to anyone to hire. It is important that all clubs are aware that an allocation does not constitute an actual ground, it is simply a reservation. Hirers are required to submit an online booking to secure their allocations.</li> </ul>



- The booking system will open to accept winter 2024 bookings, midday 1st February 2023.
- For further information on the ACT Sportsgrounds Service Charter, please click [here](#)

## KEY NPL INFORMATION

### COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

In 2024 Capital Football Clubs will be required to meet the minimum requirements. The table below outlines the updated Coaching Qualifications required for the 2024 season.

Age Grade	Coach Category	2023	2024
<b>For ALL Premier Leagues</b>			
N/A	Technical Director	AFC/FFA B Licence	AFC/FFA B Licence
<b>NPLM and NPLW</b>			
First Grade	Head Coach	AFC/FFA B Licence	AFC/FFA B Licence
	Assistant Coach	AFC/FFA C Licence	AFC/FFA C Licence
Reserve/U23	Head Coach	AFC/FFA C Licence	AFC/FFA C Licence
	Assistant Coach	AFC/FFA C Licence	AFC/FFA C Licence
First Grade/ Res/ U23	Goalkeeper Coach	AFC/FFA Level 1 Goalkeeper Licence	AFC/FFA Level 1 Goalkeeper Licence
<b>CPLM</b>			
First Grade/ U23	Head Coach	AFC/FFA C Licence	AFC/FFA C Licence
	Assistant Coach	AFC/FFA C Licence	AFC/FFA C Licence
	Goalkeeper Coach	Goalkeeper Certificate	Goalkeeper Certificate
<b>NPLB, NPLG, CPLB</b>			
U14-U18	Head Coach	AFC/FFA C Licence	AFC/FFA C Licence
	Assistant Coach	AFC/FFA C Licence	AFC/FFA C Licence
	Goalkeeper Coach	Goalkeeper Certificate	Goalkeeper Certificate

### AMATEUR COMPETITIONS

The 2024 CF NPL competitions have been set as amateur only competitions, the same as the 2023 NPL season. Given the 2024 season is deemed amateur, clubs will not be able to sign players using the FFA Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract.

### EXEMPTIONS

The process of exemptions and Biological Maturation will be communicated to all clubs in line with the 2024 set of Competition Regulations.

### PLAYING STRIPS

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



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- First Grade;
- Reserve Grade;
- U23's.

Clubs in the NPL are permitted to place the Competition logo on the playing strip of other age grades should they wish.

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. Please contact the Competitions team for the logos.

Should you have any questions about the logo and its placement, or if you have the old NPL logo on your 2024 playing strip, please email the competitions team.

Please note that FA's Uniform guidelines differ from CFs, and clubs may be required to provide new playing kits for the Round of 32 in line with FA's uniform guidelines.

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