

CLUB TASKS & TIMELINES 2025

NPL/CPL COMPETITIONS

22/01/2025

SUMMARY OF KEY TIMELINES:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Milestone:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
Prior to any Trials/Training Sessions	Trial / Training Sanction Form	Clubs	Ongoing
Seven days prior to holding a trial match	Trial matches	Clubs	Ongoing
02/12/24	NPL/CPL Match Schedule Information Due	Clubs	Complete
02/12/24	Club Competition Application Declaration Form Due	Clubs	Complete
12/12/24	2025 NPL/CPL Calendar Released	CF	Complete
19/12/24	2025 Draft NPL/CPL Match Schedules Released	CF	Complete
01/01/25	Age Dispensations Open for Submissions	Clubs	Ongoing
09/01/25	Australia Cup / Federation Cup Information	CF	Complete
20/01/25	2025 Playing Fees Released	CF	Complete
22/01/25	Registration Window Opens	Clubs	Complete
22/01/25	Player Registrations Live	Clubs	Complete
24/01/25	Feedback on 2025 Draft Match Schedule Due	Clubs	TBC
29/01/24	Equipment and Commercial Regulations Released	CF	TBC

03/02/25	Australia Cup / Federation Cup Entries Close	Clubs	TBC
03/02/25	Club Affiliation Form Due	Clubs	TBC
12/02/25	Australia Cup / Federation Cup Draw	CF	TBC
21/02/25	Clubs have booked grounds allocated to them	Clubs	TBC
28/02/25	Squad List Submission Due (NPLB)	Clubs	TBC
March (TBC)	Pre-season Debrief	CF	TBC
07/03/25	NPLB Registration Closes	Clubs	TBC
08/03/25	NPL Boys season commences	CF	TBC
16/03/25	Charity Shield	CF	TBC
28/02/25	Squad List Submission Due (NPLM / NPLW / NPLG / CPLM)	Clubs	TBC
04/04/25	Registration Closes (NPLM / NPLW / CPLM / NPLG)	Clubs	TBC
05/04/25	NPL/CPL Senior competitions commence	CF	Ongoing
05/04/25	NPL Girls competitions commence	CF	Ongoing
* CF reserves the right to adjust dates and tasks where necessary			

**** Note** – all Australia Cup Dates are based on Football Australia confirmations, which are subject to change

KEY NPL INFORMATION:

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS:

For the 2025 season, Capital Football Clubs participating in the Premier Leagues are required to meet the following minimum requirements for their coaching teams.

<u>Age Grade:</u>	<u>Coach Category:</u>	<u>2024:</u>	<u>2025:</u>
<u>For ALL Premier Leagues</u>			
N/A	Technical Director	AFC / FFA B License	AFC / FFA B License
<u>NPLM + NPLW</u>			
1 st Grade	Head Coach	AFC / FFA B License	AFC / FFA B License
	Assistant Coach	AFC / FFA C License	AFC / FFA C License
Reserves / U23s	Head Coach	AFC / FFA C License	AFC / FFA C License
	Assistant Coach	AFC / FFA C License	AFC / FFA C License
1 st Grade / Reserves / U23s	Goalkeeper Coach	AFC / FFA Level 1 Goalkeeper Licence	AFC / FFA Level 1 Goalkeeper Licence
<u>CPLM</u>			
1 st Grade / U23s	Head Coach	AFC / FFA C License	AFC / FFA C License
	Assistant Coach	AFC / FFA C License	AFC / FFA C License
	Goalkeeper Coach	AFC / FFA Level 1 Goalkeeper Licence	AFC / FFA Level 1 Goalkeeper Licence
<u>NPLB / NPLG</u>			
U14 – U18	Head Coach	AFC / FFA C License	AFC / FFA C License
	Assistant Coach	AFC / FFA C License	AFC / FFA C License
	Goalkeeper Coach	Goalkeeper Certificate	Goalkeeper Certificate

PLEASE NOTE - during the season, Capital Football may ask coaches / TD's etc. to provide evidence of their license / accreditation to prove that they are able to be in their relevant position.

AMATEUR COMPETITIONS:

The 2025 CF NPL competitions have been set as amateur only competitions, the same that was set in the previous season. Given that the 2025 season is deemed amateur, clubs will not be able to sign players using the FFA Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract.

However, in line with FA's decision to introduce the Player Roster Principles (PRP) for 2026, it is likely that all players that are paid over the decreed minimum amateur wage of \$115, will be required to sign professional contracts. The details concerning the nature of these contracts are being determined by CF and will be communicated to the clubs upon a decision being finalised.

EXEMPTIONS:

The process of exemptions and biological maturation testing will be communicated to all clubs in line with the release of the 2025 Competition Regulations.

PLAYING STRIPS:

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

- 1st Grade
- Reserve Grade
- U23's

The clubs in question are permitted to place the Competition logo on the playing strip of other age grades at their own discretion.

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, Clubs need to ensure that they use the appropriate colour (Primary, Black or White), to ensure the logo is not unseen. 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 2025 playing strips, please get in contact with the competitions team.

Please note that the FA's uniform guidelines differ from CFs, and clubs may be required to provide new playing kits for the RO32 in line with FA's regulations.

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