

CLUB TASKS AND TIMELINES 2026

NPL COMPETITIONS:

18/12/2025

To assist your planning and administration, this document has been developed to NPL clubs with a list of timelines and key tasks heading into the 2026 season.

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
10/10/025	NPL Club Competition Application Declaration Form Due	Clubs	Completed
10/11/2025	Playing Strip Submissions Due	Clubs	Completed
14/11/2025	NPL Match Schedule Information Due	Clubs	Completed
20/11/2025	Equipment and Commercial Regulations Released	CF	Completed
11/12/2024	Draft NPL Regulations Released	CF	Completed
12/12/2025	Australia Cup / Federation Cup Information Released	CF	Completed
18/12/2025	2026 NPL Calendar Released	CF	Completed
18/12/2025	2026 Draft NPL Match Schedules Released	CF	Completed

01/01/2026	Age Dispensations Open for Submissions	Clubs	TBC
12-16/01/2026	Club Workshop – PlayFootball	Clubs/CF	TBC
14/01/2026	Feedback on 2026 Draft NPL/CPL Match Schedule Due	Clubs	Ongoing
18/01/2026	Feedback on 2026 draft regulations due	Clubs	TBC
23/01/2026	2026 Playing Fees Released	CF	Ongoing
23/01/2026	Registration Window Opens	Clubs	TBC
23/01/2026	Registration Package Set Up Open	Clubs	TBC
23/01/2026	Player Registrations Live	CF/Clubs	TBC
26-30/01/2026	Club Workshop – DRIBL	Clubs/CF	TBC
30/01/2026	Australia Cup / Federation Cup Entries Close	Clubs	Ongoing
January/February TBC	Player Roster Principles Meeting	CF	TBC
February (TBC)	Australia Cup / Federation Cup Playing Strips, Key Contacts and Preferred Grounds Information Due	Clubs	Ongoing
February (TBC)	NPL Youth Pre-Season Debrief	CF	TBC
11/02/2026	Australia Cup / Federation Cup Draw	CF	TBC
15/02/2026	Club Affiliation Form Due	Clubs	TBC
25/02/2026	NPLG Registration Closes 11:59pm	Clubs	TBC
25/02/2026	NPLG Squad List Submission Due	Clubs	Ongoing
28/02/2026	NPL Girls season commences	CF	Ongoing
March (TBC)	NPL Senior Pre-season debrief	CF	Ongoing



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04/03/2026	NPLB Registration Closes 11:59pm	Clubs	TBC
04/03/2026	NPLB Squad List Submission Due	Clubs	Ongoing
07/03/2026	NPL Boys season commences	CF	Ongoing
14/03/2026	Charity Shield	CF	TBC
25/03/2026	NPL Seniors Registration Closes 11:59pm	Clubs	TBC
25/03/2026	NPL Senior Squad List Submission Due	Clubs	Ongoing
28/03/2026	NPL Senior competitions commence	CF	Ongoing
Before commencement of Competition	Players mapped into Dribl	Clubs/CF	TBC
TBC	Clubs have booked grounds allocated to them	Clubs	TBC

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



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KEY NPL INFORMATION:

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS:

For the 2026 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>2025:</u>	<u>2026:</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>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 2026 CF NPL competitions have been set as amateur only competitions, the same that was set in the previous season. Given that the 2026 season is deemed amateur, clubs will not be able to sign players using the FFA Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract.



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EXEMPTIONS:

The process of exemptions and biological maturation testing has been communicated with all NPL Clubs for the 2026 season and is available on our website.

The testing of biological maturation can commence from the 1st of January 2026 for the 2026 season, testing conducted in 2025 will not be valid for the 2026 season and all testing is to be conducted at Southside Physiotherapist.

For Biological Maturation and all other exemptions requests, in line with the NPL Regulations, the JotForm will be provided to clubs at the beginning of 2026.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST AND SPORTS TRAINER:

It is a requirement that at all NPL matches a qualified Physiotherapist for NPL Men's and Women's and a qualified Sports Trainer for NPL Boys and Girls.

The Physio and Sports Trainers are also required to be listed on the match sheet, failure to do so may result in offending Club being sanctioned.

PLAYING STRIPS

The NPL logo is referred to as the Competition logo and is required to be placed on the Club's primary and alternate strip, at a minimum in the following competitions:

- NPL Women's – First Grade and Reserve Grade;
- NPL Men's – First Grade and U23's;
- NPL Boys – U14, U15, U16, U18
- NPL Girls - U14, U16, U18

Clubs are not permitted to place the NPL Competition logo on the playing strip of the competitions other than NPL age grades.

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, the Clubs are to use the NPL logo on their playing kits, however where the Competition logo is being sublimated, Club's need to ensure they use the appropriate colour to ensure the logo doesn't get lost.

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