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SECTION 1: GENERAL

1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 All Clubs participating in the Hahn Australia Cup are bound by the Hahn Australia Cup Competition Regulations as promulgated by FA from time to time.
- 1.2 These Supplementary Competition Regulations (Regulations) shall apply to all Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round Matches (Preliminary Rounds) administered by Capital Football (CF) and may be amended by CF at any time.
- 1.3 To the extent there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the Hahn Australia Cup Competition Regulations, the latter shall prevail.
- 1.4 Terms defined in the Hahn Australia Cup Competition Regulations; these Supplementary Competition Regulations and CF NPL Competition Regulations shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 1.5 The Preliminary Rounds are also known as the CF Men's Federation Cup.
- 1.6 Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1.

2 CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 The administrative control and conduct of the Preliminary Rounds by CF is vested in the Competitions Manager subject to the CF Constitution and these Regulations.

3 CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

- 3.1 Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction given by CF may result in the imposition of a penalty issued by CF under these Regulations or other sanctions pursuant to the CF Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (DDR).

4 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

- 4.1 All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a Preliminary Round Match, or any associated event, will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the DDR and the Hahn Australia Cup Competition Regulations as applicable.

5 STRICT LIABILITY OF CLUBS

- 5.1 Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of its Club associates, officials and spectators at or in the vicinity of any competition match, sanctioned match, or non-CF event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance, regardless of the responsibilities attaching to any other person or entity in respect of such match or event.
- 5.2 Where the terms "Team" or "Teams" are used, it is implied that the Team or Teams involved are under the control of and are the responsibility of their Club, and therefore any sanctions or penalties applied to a Team or Teams may also be applied to the Club.

6 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- 6.1 In applying the Regulations, Management has authority to consider special circumstances

outside the prescribed limits of these Regulations.

- 6.2 Fairness, competitiveness, competition integrity and player development may be elements in any special circumstance determination.
- 6.3 A determination by Management under this special circumstance provision is not subject to appeal or review and need not be made public where privacy is also an element of the consideration.

7 UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- 7.1 Nothing in these Regulations will prevent CF from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations, including but not limited to scheduling, promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams.

8 CUP FORMAT AND INFORMATION

- 8.1 All National Premier Leagues (NPL) Clubs are required to register and participate in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 8.2 CF may amend the seeding of any Club within the draw as it deems necessary.
- 8.3 All Round winners will proceed to the next Round.
- 8.4 All Round draws will be random.
- 8.5 Where required, a bye round will fill any vacant slots in the draw process.
- 8.6 CF may alter fixture kick-off times and dates as it deems necessary.

SECTION 2: COMPETITION

1 MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- 1.1 All matches under the jurisdiction of these Regulations will be played in accordance with FA and CF regulations, codes, and directives, and under the IFAB Laws of the Game 2025/26, unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations.

2 MATCH SCHEDULE AND KICK OFF TIMES

- 2.1 All Clubs are required to submit their 3 preferred home grounds to CF before the commencement of round 1.
- 2.2 CF will book grounds on behalf for clubs, using the 3 grounds put forward prior to the competition, and the preferred venue for that game.
 - a) If the 3 preferred fields grounds are not available, CF will book an alternative ground pending availability.
- 2.3 The standard kicks off time for all mid-week matches between 6:30pm, unless a Club can ensure the lights will be available to warrant a later kick off time.
- 2.4 Following each draw, CF will schedule each fixture to a day within the date range listed on the Information Pack and Invitation document, and as per the 2026 Competitions Calendar. Matches must be played either on the scheduled match dates for each Round or prior (if approval provided) unless there are exceptional circumstances (i.e. weather) and Capital Football approves this scheduling.
- 2.5 The final scheduling of all matches will be subject to approval by CF.
- 2.6 CF will look to ensure that all Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round matches are scheduled around each Clubs existing Competition match schedule.
 - a) Where possible matches will be scheduled seventy-two (72) hours pre/post a Clubs existing match.
 - b) Dependant on the circumstances, CF may be required to adjust the scheduling of existing Competition matches, to ensure that the Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round matches are played.
 - c) Decisions on the scheduling of matches around existing Competition matches lies with CF and such decisions will be final.

3 DURATION OF MATCH

- 3.1 Each Preliminary Round Match will consist of two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes to total a “full” regular period Match time of ninety (90) minutes, excluding any allowance for time lost as determined by the Referee.
- 3.2 Competing Clubs must enter the field of play at least three (3) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- 3.3 The half-time break for each Preliminary Round Match will be fifteen (15) minutes.
- 3.4 Competing Clubs must enter the field of play at least three (3) minutes prior to the end of the half-time break.

- 3.5 The Referee is the sole arbiter of time, and no protest may be lodged or will be accepted against the time as recorded by the Referee.

4 ADDED TIME

- 4.1 Added time will be at the discretion of the Referee.

5 EXTRA TIME

- 5.1 If at the conclusion of the regular period in any Preliminary Round Match (including added time), the scores between the two (2) Clubs are tied, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes will be played.
- 5.2 The conditions of the IFAB Laws of the Game will apply.

6 DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

- 6.1 If the result of a Preliminary Round Match is still a draw after the two (2) periods of extra time, alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the IFAB Laws of the Game.

7 FORFEITS

- 7.1 A Team will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
- a) They fail to fulfill an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
 - b) They refuse or fail to begin a Match ten (10) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time; or
 - c) They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
 - d) At any point during the Match, they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players; or
 - e) An ineligible player as defined in these Regulations participates in the Match; or
 - f) Any other scenario within the Regulations or the DDR that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.
- 7.2 If a Club forfeits a scheduled Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds Match:
- a) Prior to kick off, the opposing Club will be deemed to have won the Hahn Australia Cup Match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0); or
 - b) After the Hahn Australia Cup Match has commenced, the opposing Club will be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0), or the actual goal difference at the time of forfeit, whichever is the greater.
 - i) Where a forfeit has been applied, the goal scorers of the non-offending Team will be retained;
 - ii) Where a forfeit has been applied, red cards will be retained, and yellow cards will be removed;
 - iii) The offending Team will be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2 of these Regulations.

8 POSTPONED MATCHES

- 8.1 Preliminary Round Matches may only be postponed by the Referee or CF.

- 8.2 If a Preliminary Round Match is abandoned due to a Force Majeure Event or a cause outside the reasonable control of either club (including its Players and Officials) prior to sixty (60) minutes of the regular period having been played:
- a) The Preliminary Round Match must be rescheduled by CF and the rescheduled Preliminary Round Match must occur within seven (7) days unless otherwise approved by FA in its sole and absolute discretion.
 - b) Such rescheduling will require the Preliminary Round Match to restart from the beginning.
- 8.3 If a Preliminary Round Match is abandoned due to a Force Majeure Event or a cause outside the reasonable control of either Club (including its Players and Officials), at or after eighty (80) percent of the regular period being played:
- a) Subject to Section 2, Article 8.3 b) below, the result at the time of abandonment will be declared the final result; or
 - b) Where at the time of the Hahn Australia Cup Match being abandoned scores are level, the Preliminary Round Match will be rescheduled by CF and the rescheduled Preliminary Round Match must occur within seven (7) days unless otherwise approved by FA in its sole and absolute discretion.
 - c) Such rescheduling will require the Preliminary Round Match to restart from the beginning.
 - i) The Referee is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual elapsed time as recorded by the Referee.
 - ii) Should a Match be abandoned due to the fault of one (1) Team, or should it be determined by CF that one (1) Team / Club is responsible for the delay to the Match, the remaining minutes will not be rescheduled for completion, and the Match will be determined as a forfeit against the Team / Club that is deemed guilty of the abandonment or responsible for the delay.
 - iii) Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the match was actually postponed, CF will treat the Match as postponed.

9 ABANDONED MATCHES

- 9.1 Matches may only be abandoned by a decision of the Referee. In the absence of a Referee, CF shall have the designated authority to recommend the abandoning of any Matches as deemed necessary by CF.
- 9.2 A Match may be abandoned if:
- a) It is determined that the conditions for players, coaches, Match Officials, or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
 - b) Both teams refuse or fail to begin a Match ten (10) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time.
- 9.3 In cases where a Match has been abandoned by the Referee, the Disciplinary Committee may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.
- 9.4 When a Match is not played or abandoned for any reason over which neither Club was

responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by CF, in accordance with these Regulations.

- 9.5 Should a Club, Club Official, its Players, or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition, and sanctions may be imposed, or the matter referred to a Tribunal.
- 9.6 Should both Clubs be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will not be replayed, and no Match result will be applied.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINARY

1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Eligible Participants:

- a) An eligible Participant is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations.
- b) No player shall be permitted to play for more than one (1) Club in the Hahn Australia Cup and can only represent the Club to which he is currently registered.

1.2 Ineligible Participants include:

- a) A Player not registered in the National Registration System to the Club in which they have participated with;
- b) Suspended Participants;
- c) CF may decide, in its absolute discretion, whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandoned, cancelled or forfeited Match and any such decision is final and not subject to any challenge or appeal;
- d) A Player who participates in a Preliminary Round Match but is not listed on the team sheet;
- e) A Player who is required to stand down for receiving a suspension as a result of caution accumulation;
- f) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Preliminary Round Match, but played earlier in the day;
- g) A Participant that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the Hahn Australia Cup Competition Regulations, these Regulations and/or DDR.

1.3 Any Team that fields an ineligible Player will automatically lose that Preliminary Round Match on forfeit, in accordance with Section 2, Article 7 and be fined in accordance with Schedule 2.

1.4 Additionally, the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may be further sanctioned in accordance with the Hahn Australia Cup Competition Regulations, these Regulations and/or DDR.

1.5 For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any Preliminary Round Match.

1.6 If a player has not played in any Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round matches prior to Round 7, which also serves as the Federation Cup Final, they are not eligible to play in the Federation Cup Final, unless special circumstances, such as injury has prevented them from playing in a previous cup match.

- a) This decision will be to the discretion of the Member Federation.

2 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

2.1 Player Yellow Cards:

- a) For the Preliminary Rounds, three (3) yellow cards equate to a one (1) match suspension. Suspensions incurred due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards from the Preliminary Rounds will apply to the next Preliminary Round Match in which the suspended Player's Club competes in.

- b) If a Club is eliminated from the Hahn Australia Cup and a player has received their third yellow card in the match that the Club was eliminated in, the suspension will apply for the next Hahn Australia Cup Match in which the player competes in.
- c) Yellow Card suspensions are Hahn Australia Cup specific and are required to be served in the Hahn Australia Cup.

2.2 Team Official Yellow Cards:

- a) A team official who accumulates three (3) team official yellow cards, during the Preliminary Rounds, equates to a one (1) match suspension. Suspensions incurred due to the accumulation of Team Official Yellow Cards from the Preliminary Rounds will apply to the next Preliminary Round Match in which the suspended Team Official's Club competes in.

2.3 Red Cards (Players / Team Officials):

- a) For the Preliminary Rounds, the Minimum Sanctions set out in the Table of Offences (as outlined in Annexure A of the FA National Disciplinary Regulations) must be applied by CF to Red Card Offences and to Expulsion Offences.
- b) Red Card suspensions incurred in a Preliminary Round Match are to be served in the next Competition Match in which the suspended Player's Club competes in, including the Hahn Australia Cup.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

1 MAXIMUM PLAYER ROSTERS

- 1.1 All teams must submit a squad list to CF no later than 48 hours prior to the team's first Preliminary Round Match.
- 1.2 A team may add players to their squad throughout the Preliminary Rounds, however once a

player is added they are unable to be removed from their submitted squad.

- 1.3 Any additional players that are required to be added to a team's squad total must be lodged with CF no later than 48 hours prior to the teams next Preliminary Round Match.
- 1.4 Contained in the table are the maximum players permissible for registration in the Preliminary Rounds:

Squad Total	Team Sheet
Maximum of 40 players	17 players on the team sheet per match <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 player must be a GK on Bench if 17 players are listed.

2 PLAYER ROSTER PRINCIPLES (PRP)

- 2.1 Player Roster Principles will be mandatory for the Hahn Australia Cup Competition in 2026.
- 2.2 Football Australia, as part of its wider Player Roster Principles outline for season 2026, has outlined changes that need to be followed for Member Federations currently utilising the PRP System.
- 2.3 Clubs participating in FA Competitions (i.e., Australia Cup Round of 32) are required to follow the PRP as outlined by FA.
- 2.4 PRP is recommended for all Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds to prepare Clubs for the Round of 32.
- 2.5 However, where a Community League Team (i.e., a non-National Premier Leagues Club qualifies for the Round of 32, that Club is NOT required to comply with the Football Australia Player Points System for Final Rounds.
- 2.6 As per the PRP, NPLM Clubs participating in the Hahn Australia Cup must ensure their First Team Player Roster abides by the following:
 - a) All NPL Club Player Rosters must have a minimum of five (5) U23 Youth Players in its Matchday Team Sheet of up to eighteen (18) players, of which two (2) must be U20 Youth Players
 - i) An U20 Youth player is 20 years of age or younger as at 31 December of the current
 - ii) An U23 Youth Player is 23 years of age or younger as at 31 December of the current NPL season.
 - b) All NPL Clubs must list a minimum of three (3) U23 Youth Players on their First team Matchday Team Sheet, with a requirement that at least one (1) of those Player be an U20 Youth Player.
 - i) Substitute goalkeepers will not be considered an U23 or U20 Youth Player even if the Player is age eligible.
 - ii) VISA Players will not be considered as a U23 or U20 Youth Player even if the Player is age eligible.
 - c) An NPLM Club must have a minimum of three (3) Homegrown Players on its NPL First Team Player Roster.
 - i) This is a player, who between the ages of 12 – 21, was registered for a period of three (3) entire seasons or 36 months in total (noting such periods are aggregate and not required to be continuous) with that NPL Club.

- d) All NPLM First Team Player Rosters must have a minimum of two (2) Australia Goalkeepers always listed.
- 2.7 Where a National Premier Leagues Club qualifies for the Round of 32, that Club must comply with the Football Australia Player Roster Principles for Final Rounds.
- 2.8 Where a Community League Team (i.e., a non-National Premier Leagues Club qualifies for the Round of 32, that Club is NOT required to comply with the Football Australia Player Points System for Final Rounds.

3 **VISA PLAYERS**

- 3.1 Clubs are required to meet the requirements for visa players as outlined below:
 - a) A visa Player is defined as a Player who does not have current Australian Citizenship or approved Australian Permanent Residency.
 - b) If a Club wants to register a visa Player, that Club must ensure it meets all the legal requirements pertaining to a valid visa or work permit, including where applicable, a letter of endorsement from FA, and payment of any sponsorship requirements.
 - c) The maximum number of Visa Players is defined below and implements the 2 + 1 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) /Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) rule, as introduced in the FA PRP for 2026.
 - d) An AFC/OFC Visa Player is any player who is not an Australian player and who holds a citizenship from an AFC or OFC Member Association.
 - e) Clubs must advise in writing to CF the names of the three (3) visa players.
 - f) If a Club is unsure if a player is a Visa Player, this must be raised with Capital Football via email. CF reserve the right to review Play Football accounts and player history, and where required can request proof of residency through Birth Certificates, Australian passport, or Visa Documentation.
 - g) If a club is found to have played more than three (3) Visa Players, the fourth or more Visa Player will be deemed an ineligible player and subject to the forfeit articles within these regulations.

League	Team Permitted Number of Visa Players
NPLM	Maximum of 2 + 1 per squad of 40 players (3 Total Visa Players)
Senior League	No specified visa player number limitations

SECTION 5: MATCH DAY

1 MATCH BALLS

- 1.1 The home Club shall provide the appointed Match Official with three (3) match balls (size 5) no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the Preliminary Round Match.
- 1.2 Only licensed balls approved by CF may be used as match balls for the Preliminary Rounds.
- 1.3 Where directed by FA or CF, Clubs must use the Official Hahn Australia Cup Match Ball.
- 1.4 Failure to supply Match balls will result in a fine in accordance with Schedule 2.
- 1.5 CF will supply footballs for the Round 7 Preliminary Round Match.

2 WARMING UP

- 2.1 During play, a maximum of five (5) players from each Team may warm up at the same time, assisted by two (2) Team Officials, without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), in the identified warm-up area within the pitch perimeter fence.
- 2.2 The identified warm-up area is located behind the goal line nearest to the Teams own technical area. Should this space be deemed not suitable at a particular ground by the Referee, the secondary identified warm-up area is located along the touch line beside the Teams technical area, provided the substitutes are wearing bibs that are clearly contrasting, in accordance with Section 5, Article 3.3.

3 TECHNICAL AREA

- 3.1 Seating will be supplied and placed in position by the home Club in sufficient quantity to seat ten (10) people from each Team.
- 3.2 Only currently registered and eligible Players and Team Officials who are listed on the ETS are allowed in the technical area during Matches. For clarity, a Player or Team Official who is under suspension must not occupy a seat in the technical area.
- 3.3 All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials, and the bibs of the opposing Team.
- 3.4 All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials
- 3.5 Eligible players must be listed on the team sheet specific to the Match they are in the Technical Area for.
- 3.6 Registered Team Officials must be listed on the Team Official List specific to the Match they are in the Technical Area for.
- 3.7 For the Technical Area:
 - a) A maximum of six (6) substitutes who are listed as substitutes on the team sheet for that Match;
 - b) A maximum of four (4) Team Officials (such as the coach, assistant coach, team manager, physiotherapist), who are listed on the Team Officials list for that Match;

- c) Seating shall be supplied by the home Team for ten (10) persons;
 - d) All persons must remain within the technical area as per the IFAB Laws of the Game, except in special circumstances with the Match Official's permission.
- 3.8 As per Section 5, Article 2.2, substitutes are permitted to leave the Technical Area for the purposes of warming up.
- 3.9 Occupants of the technical area are subject to the authority of the Referee at all times.

4 SUBSTITUTION RULES

- 4.1 For the Preliminary Rounds, a Club may select up to six (6) Players as substitutes, provided that one is a nominated Goalkeeper.
- 4.2 A Club may, at its discretion:
- a) Use five (5) substitute Players at any time in a Preliminary Round Match (including a Goalkeeper), across three (3) opportunities during a match.
 - i) Substitutions made at half time do not count as a used opportunity.
 - b) Use one (1) additional substitute opportunity if a Preliminary Round Match goes into extra time.
 - i) Substitutions made between the end of the Match and the start of Extra Time as well as during half time of extra time do not count as a used opportunity
- 4.3 A substitution can be made upon a Match Official being notified. A substitute Player must only enter the field of play:
- a) after the Player being replaced has left the field of play;
 - b) after he receives a signal from the Referee; and
 - c) at the half-way line and during a stoppage in the Match.

5 PLAYING STRIPS / CLASH OF COLOURS

- 5.1 Playing strips:
- a) The playing strips of a Club in the Preliminary Rounds shall be as nominated by the Club prior to the commencement of the competition and endorsed by CF.
 - b) All teams must nominate two (2) entirely different main and alternate playing strips to avoid any potential colour clashes. Clubs may only play in their nominated Club strips, unless otherwise approved by CF.
 - i) No part of the alternate playing strip may be the same as the main playing strip.
 - c) CF will pre-determine the playing strips to be worn by all Clubs for all Preliminary Round Matches.
 - d) All teams must wear a numbered strip with no duplication of numbers.
 - e) All teams must have with them at each match a complete main and alternate playing strip.
- 5.2 Clash of colours:
- a) In the event that the Referee deems there to be a clash of colours with the pre-determined strip, the away Team is required to change into an alternate strip.

- b) Away Clubs may be required to wear a combination of their main and alternate strips to ensure the clash is resolved.
- c) In the case of goalkeeper's colours clashing with the gear of either opposing field Players or goalkeeper, or with the Match Officials' gear, the Referee will determine which goalkeeper will change their strip.
- d) In the case of a combination of main and alternate strip colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the Referee will determine the final colours to be worn by all Players and Match Officials.

6 BALL PERSONS

6.1 Preliminary Rounds 3-6:

- a) Where possible, for all Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round 3, 4, 5 and 6 Matches, it is recommended that the home Club provides eight (8) ball persons.

6.2 Preliminary Round 7:

- a) For the Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round 7 Match (Federation Cup Final), both teams must supply four (4) ball persons.

6.3 Ball person requirements:

- a) Ball persons may be 12-15 years of age;
- b) Ball persons are to wear colours (i.e. a bib) that are distinct from those worn by the Players of both Teams and the Match Officials;

6.4 Regulations in Section 5, Article 6 may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Should this happen, CF will communicate any changes as required.

7 PLAYER MASCOTS

- 7.1 For the Women's Federation Cup Final, both teams must supply eleven (11) player mascots.
- 7.2 Player mascots are to be 5-11 years of age and to wear the Club's playing strip, unless otherwise deemed appropriate by CF.
- 7.3 Where regional teams qualify for the Women's Federation Cup Final, they can seek assistance from CF in sourcing players to act as player mascots in accordance with Section 5, Article 7.1.
- 7.4 This Article may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Should this happen, CF will communicate any changes as required.

8 MATCH COMMISSIONERS

- 8.1 CF may appoint Match commissioners to Women's Federation Cup Matches.
- 8.2 A Match commissioner is an independent person who is appointed to observe the Match.
- 8.3 The Match commissioner will escort the Match Officials to and from the field of play prior to the game, and at both half and full time, unless security is appointed to the Match.
- 8.4 A Match commissioner is required to submit a report to CF on the Club's compliance with the Regulations and ground compliance.

9 IDENTIFICATION

9.1 Players:

- a) Player identification is to be made available to the opposing Team manager for perusal prior to the commencement of the Match. It will be their duty to validate the Player identifications on the Electronic Team sheet and confirm Player Eligibility in accordance with these regulations.
- b) Players for any Team that are not included on the Electronic Team Sheets are not permitted to take the field of play.
- c) Any Team who cannot produce at least seven (7) Players that appear on the Electronic Team Sheet for any Match will not have enough eligible Players to commence the Match and will be deemed to have forfeited the Match.
 - i) The referee is to report the reason for the forfeit on the electronic team sheet and submit it to CF.
- d) Opposing Team managers are responsible for sighting the Player identification prior to the Match. Should a Team suspect the opposition of replacing any Player between the initial identification sheet check and the commencement of either the first or second half, the following procedure must be followed:
 - i) The manager of the Team suspecting a breach informs the manager of the opposing Team that They wish to check the identity of the specific Player/s;
 - ii) The Team managers of both Teams, along with the referee and 4th Official (should a 4th Official be appointed) check the identity of the Player/s in question against the Player identifications and the team sheet, on the field of play before the Player/s leaves the field of play at either the half time interval or conclusion of the Match;
 - iii) Should it be determined that the Team has fielded an ineligible Player, CF is to be contacted immediately for further guidance to determine if the Match is to continue or if it will be immediately forfeited in favour of the Team that did not breach the regulation;
 - iv) If CF is unable to be contacted the Match should proceed and the Match Officials are to submit incident reports post-Match through the incident report procedure.
 - v) Should it be determined that both teams fielded an ineligible Player CF will determine whether the Match is to be replayed, void and if any sanction should be imposed on the Clubs, Club Officials and / or Players involved;
 - vi) Should any Team Official or Player refuse to follow the above procedure the Match will immediately be forfeited to the opposing Team to the Official or Player that has refused to co-operate;
 - vii) In all cases the referee will report the incident to CF.
- e) Any Club, Team Official and / or Player that is found to have breached this article may be sanctioned pursuant to the DDR.
- f) Failure of Teams to produce Player identifications on request will result in a fine in accordance with Schedule 4.

9.2 Team Officials:

- a) All registered Coaches and Team Officials will be issued identification passes.
- b) Only registered coaches and Team Officials in receipt of their official CF identification pass will be permitted entry into the technical areas (team benches), field of play, dressing rooms and tunnel in any approved CF Match.
- c) Only the official CF identification pass embossed with the correct year of competition will be eligible for use in that season.
- d) From the time of entry to the ground, coaches and Team Officials are required to have their official CF identification pass clearly displayed on a lanyard on the outside of their clothing.
- e) Prior to kick-off the 4th Official or should a 4th Official not be appointed the Referee, is required to check the technical area of both Teams, and request any non-playing individual without an official CF identification pass to leave the technical area. Should the individual refuse, the Match will immediately be forfeited to the Team that has not breached the Regulation. Any individual that causes a forfeiture in this regard may be further sanctioned pursuant to as per the DDR.
- f) Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in a fine in accordance with Schedule 4.

10 ELECTRONIC TEAM SHEETS

- 10.1 For all competition matches, Capital Football will use Electronic Team Sheets (ETS) within Dribl.
- 10.2 All ETS for all Matches are to be completed online using the competition management system.
- 10.3 Each team must submit their Player and Team Official selection by 6:00pm on the Friday prior to the scheduled weekend Match, or 6:00pm the day prior to a midweek Match. A failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine as outlined in Schedule 4.
- 10.4 When making their player selection, Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in the competition management system. This information will then appear automatically on the ETS next to the Player's name.
 - a) No players from the same Team will be permitted to wear the same number on their playing strip.
 - b) All players must have a shirt number listed on the ETS that corresponds with the number on their shirt.
- 10.5 Both Teams are required to double check, that their Player and Team Official selection information in the ETS is correct, and if required, make amendments to the information on the ETS at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 10.6 Each Team is required to review and confirm the opposition Team's Player and Team official selection information in the ETS is correct at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 10.7 Changes to the ETS will be permitted any time until Ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time, at which the following shall apply:

- a) Should a listed Player be removed from the starting line-up, that Player may only be replaced by a Player listed as a substitute on the ETS. The formerly starting Player may then be listed as a substitute. However, no other Player may be added to the ETS to replace any Player.
- b) Should a listed substitute Player be removed from the ETS, the Team will not be permitted list another Player on the team sheet and the number of available substitutes will be decreased by one (1).

10.8 A maximum of seventeen (17) Players per Team are permitted to be listed on the ETS.

10.9 A team official from each Team is to review the ETS at the completion of the Match to confirm the information listed is correct, including:

- a) Half time and full-time scores are correct;
- b) Goal scorers are marked against the correct player;
- c) Disciplinary sanctions listed are marked against the correct player.

10.10 Regardless of the competition, no Player is permitted to be listed on more than two (2) Team sheets on any Match Day. Goalkeepers are exempt from this rule.

11 PAPER TEAM SHEETS

11.1 In the case that Dribl is not functioning and an ETS is not available, Team Officials from the Home Team must provide paper Team Sheets and Team Official lists.

11.2 In the case that a Paper Team Sheet must be used, Team Officials from both Teams must confirm:

- a) Confirm half time and full-time scores
- b) Confirm goals scored are marked against the correct Player
- c) Confirm disciplinary sanctions are marked against the correct Player
- d) Sign the Paper Team Sheet

11.3 Paper Team Sheets signed by the respective Team officials, must be emailed by the Home Club to Capital Football at competitions@capitalfootball.com.au to arrive no later than 5:00pm Monday following the weekend's Match, or 24 hours following a mid-week Match.

- a) If CF does not receive the Paper Team Sheets as specified in Section 5, Article 12, the team will be fined as outlined in Schedule 4.
- b) If CF does not receive the Paper Team Sheets within seven (7) days of the Match, the team will be deemed to have forfeited those matches, in accordance with Section 2, Article 15.
- c) Where a Paper team sheet is not provided to CF in accordance with Section 5, Article 12, the club is deemed to have forfeited the Match in accordance with Section 2, Article 15.

11.4 If Management does not receive the Paper Team as specified above, the Home Club may be sanctioned under **Schedule 2**.

11.5 If Management does not receive the Paper Team Sheets within seven (7) days of the Match, the Home Club will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

- 11.6 Each Club must submit by email its own Paper Team Officials list no later than 5.00pm Monday following a weekend Match or 24 hours following a mid-week Match to Capital Football.

12 RESULT OF THE MATCH

- 12.1 The Referee will complete the ETS at the conclusion of the Match.
- 12.2 A Team Official from each team is then required to check the information listed on the ETS and ensure the full-time score on the ETS is correct.
- 12.3 If the Referee is unable to complete the ETS immediately after the match due to internet connectivity issues, the Referee must complete the ETS as soon as possible no later than 10:00pm on the day of the Match was played.
- 12.4 If the Team Officials disagrees with any details on the ETS (either their own or their opposition's), the must;
- a) Check with the Referee to confirm if an error was made in inputting the information onto the ETS.
 - b) If unable to be resolved with the Match Officials, the team official must submit a 'Raise a Dispute' request via the ETS.
- 12.5 Only the following information on a ETS can be disputed in accordance with Section 5, Article 13.3:
- a) Goal scorers.
 - b) Substitutions
 - c) Yellow cards (only reference to who the yellow card was issued to).
 - e) Red card (only in reference to who the red card was issued to).
 - f) Half-time/full time score.
 - g) Player Eligibility
- 12.6 Team sheet disputes will only be investigated by Management where:
- a) The team sheet and the Club Incident Report are submitted in accordance with the timelines specified in Section 5, Article 11, Section 5, Article 12 and Section 5, Article 13 of these Regulations; and
 - b) Video and/or photographic evidence, statutory declarations, or other information deemed appropriate by Management are submitted with the request
- 12.7 Management may amend an ETS at its sole discretion after making a determination in a dispute.
- 12.8 Management's decision on an ETS dispute is final and not subject to appeal.

13 ADMITTANCE FEES

- 13.1 CF Clubs may charge admittance fees for Preliminary Round Matches (Rounds 3 to 6).
- 13.2 CF may charge admittance fees for Preliminary Round Matches (Round 7).
- 13.3 The maximum admittance prices for Preliminary Round Matches are as per below:

Round	Adult	Student / Pensioners/ Concession*	Child Under 14
3-7	\$10.00	\$5.00	Free
* Includes students / concessions / pensioners / defence – relevant identification must be shown			

13.4 Players, Team Officials and Match Officials participating in the Match in which their Team is competing will be afforded complimentary entry.

13.5 In all cases where the costs of running the Matches are being met by CF, all gate takings shall be retained by CF.

13.6 Ticket refunds:

- a) Section 5, Article 12.6 is applicable to all CF competition Matches where entry fees are charged.
- b) Clubs that charge entry fees must issue a ticket to the paying customer when the exchange of money is made.
- c) Gate attendants or security staff whose role it is to collect the admission ticket must ensure that the ticket is torn in half and given back to the customer at the point of entry as proof of purchase.
- d) Customers that present an authentic CF Media Pass or who are aged 14 years or younger, will be granted free entry and may not be issued an admission ticket.
- e) It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that they retain proof of purchase. This note is to be displayed at the ticket box at all venues where entry fees are charged.
- f) Paying customers will be entitled to a full refund on the day of the game from the Club charging the entry fees provided the main fixture has been called off prior to the conclusion of the first half of the Match for reasons of light failure or unsuitable ground conditions.
- g) To be eligible to receive a full refund on the day of the game, the paying customer must present to the Club charging the entry fees the admission ticket (or part thereof) as proof of purchase.
- h) If the last Match of the day is abandoned after the conclusion of the first half, then no refund will be given.
- i) Entry fees must not exceed the fee structure set out in Section 5, Article 12.3.

13.7 CF's and Football Australia's conditions of entry to venues apply to all matches in the Preliminary Rounds. Each hosting Club shall display those conditions at each entry point to the venue.

14 CLUB VESTED OFFICIALS

14.1 Club Vested Officials (CVO) are nominated Club representatives who are responsible for maintaining order and responding to spectator Misconduct at Matches

14.2 Clubs must provide the following minimum number of Club Vested Officials for each Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds Match:

Grade	Number of CVOs
National Premier League	Three (3)
Senior Leagues	Two (2)

14.3 Management reserves the right to increase the minimum number of CVO that each Club must provide for any Match.

14.4 Should a Club be found not to provide the specified number of CVO for a Match, they may be in breach of these Regulations and liable for a sanction under **Schedule 2** and under the Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations.

14.5 CVOs must:

- a) Be 18 years or older.
- b) Wear identifiable numbered vests supplied by management, and always be visible
- c) Be familiar with and ensure that spectators comply with the [FA Spectator Code of Behaviour](#).
- d) Not engage in any verbal or physical altercations
- e) Not consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a CVO
- f) Not be involved in other duties while acting as a CVO (not refereeing, coaching, managing, canteen duties etc).
- g) Maintain unbiased opinions/views when performing duties and behave appropriately in accordance with this document and as a representative of the Club.
- h) Have one (1) CVO from each team located at halfway (outside the technical area), one (1) CVO located in front of the home spectators, and one (1) CVO located in front of the away spectators
- i) Work with CVOs from the opposing Club
- j) Ensure the Regulations pertaining to smoking, alcohol and dogs are enforced
- k) Deal with any Misconduct that may arise before, during or after a Match
- l) Ensure the safety of and assist with the welfare of Match Officials, from the time of their arrival to the time of their departure, including escorting Match officials to and from the field and to and from Match Official rooms.
- m) Ensure no person enters Match Officials rooms who are not invited to do so by the Match Officials
- n) Escort dismissed Players from the field and ensure they do not return
- o) Raise concerns regarding Misconduct with Match Officials
- p) Seek assistance from Security Officers working at a venue, and/or, contact Police to address Misconduct
- q) Cooperate with investigations and disciplinary processes established by Management

14.6 CVOs must remain outside the perimeter fence at a field and not enter Technical Areas.

SECTION 6: MATCH OFFICIALS

1 MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1.1 The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by the Referees Development Manager (RDM). The RDM is authorised to enlist the assistance of such persons as necessary and adopt such procedures as it deems most beneficial.

2 MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

- 2.1 CF is responsible for the payment of Match Official Fees.
- 2.2 The Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds Match Official Fees are as follows:

Round	Referee	Assistant Referee 1	Assistant Referee 2	4th Official
3	\$250	\$125	\$125	N/A
4	\$250	\$125	\$125	N/A
5	\$250	\$125	\$125	N/A
6	\$250	\$125	\$125	N/A
7	\$250	\$125	\$125	\$125

3 TEMPORARY DISMISSALS

- 3.1 Temporary dismissals will not be in effect for any Hahn Australia Cup matches.

4 CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

- 4.1 The Referee may take action against Team Officials who fail to act in a responsible manner and can issue a warning or a yellow card for a caution or a red card for a sending-off from the field of play and its immediate surrounds (including the technical area).
- 4.2 If the offender cannot be identified, the senior Coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.
- 4.3 If a medical Team Official commits a sending-off offence, they may remain in the technical area if the Team has no other medical person available, and act if a Player needs medical attention.

SECTION 7: AWARDS

1 TROPHIES AND MEDALS

- 1.1 CF will present the following trophies and medals:
- a) Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round 7 (Federation Cup) Champions:
 - i) Perpetual trophy;
 - ii) Replica trophy;
 - iii) 20 medals;
 - iv) Any requests for medals above the allocated number may be purchased at a cost to the Club.
 - b) Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round 7 (Federation Cup) runners up:
 - i) 20 medals for all age grades;
 - ii) Any requests for medals above the allocated number may be purchased at a cost to the Club.
 - c) Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Round 7 (Federation Cup) Match Officials:
 - i) 4 medals for each age grade.

2 PERPETUAL TROPHY OWNERSHIP

- 2.1 All perpetual trophies / shields remain the property of CF.
- 2.2 CF will retain possession of the perpetual trophy / shield immediately following the prize giving ceremony.
- 2.3 Should a perpetual trophy / shield be lost or damaged whilst under the care or custody of a Club, the latter shall refund to CF the cost of thorough repair or replacement in addition to any other penalty which CF may impose.

SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITIONS

A-League Men/ A-League Women means the national men's and women's football competitions conducted in Australia under the control of FA.

ACT Football Federation (ACTFF) means the ACT Football Federation.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) means the federal territory of Australia containing the Australian capital city of Canberra and some surrounding townships.

Hahn Australia Cup means the national Club competition staged by, or under the control of, FA between A-League, State league and grassroots Clubs, currently known as the Hahn Australia Cup (or as otherwise notified by FA).

Capital Football (CF) means CF trading as ACT Football Federation which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the ACT and surrounding regions.

Capital Football Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (DDR) means the CF Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations.

Club or Clubs means:

- a) a body corporate or incorporated association recognised by CF and having the following characteristics:
 - i) It organises teams to participate in competitions sanctioned by CF or FA;
 - ii) All members of its teams are entitled to club membership;
 - iii) Club members (or their parent or guardian) may vote in an election for any club officeholders; or
- b) any legal entity deemed to be a Club by CF.

Club Official or Club Officials means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

Constitution means the ACT Football Federation Constitution as amended from time to time, and a reference to a particular article of the Constitution.

Cup means a tournament or event conducted by CF which includes, but not limited to, Federation Cup/ Hahn Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds.

Disciplinary Committee means a Disciplinary Committee appointed by CF, in accordance with the DDR.

FA means Football Australia Limited ACN 106 478 068.

FIFA means Federation Internationale De Football Association.

IFAB Laws of the Game means the official laws of the game of football as promulgated by IFAB.

Match or Matches means any match played in a Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under CF's control.

Match Official or Match Officials means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, club referee

coordinator or referee assessor.

National Registration Status and Transfer Regulations (NRSTR) means the set of regulations that govern registrations throughout Football in Australia.

National Registration System (NRR) means the national database administered by FA for the purposes of registering all participants in Football in Australia.

Player or Players means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FA, junior or senior or an Amateur or Professional).

Player Points System (PPS) means FA's system for the calculation of a Club's Player points as outlined in Schedule 3 and as promulgated by FA from time to time.

Referee means the Match Official with the primary responsibility of officiating a Match in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Regulations means these CF Competition Regulations.

Team or Teams means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

Team Official or Team Officials means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club.

SCHEDULE 2: PENALTIES AND FEES

1 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 1.1 Set out below are the range of penalties which may be imposed by CF in relation to breaches of these Regulations.
- 1.2 CF may exercise its discretion as it deems fit in relation to the imposition of the penalty. The decision of CF shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal.

Section	Article	Offence	Sanction	
2	7.2	Team forfeiting its Match	\$500	Per offence
5	1.4	Failure to supply Match balls	\$50	Per offence
5	9.1	Failure of Teams to produce player identification on request	\$100	Per offence
5	9.2	Failure to comply with Team Official identification processes	\$100	Per offence
5	10.2	Failure to enter player selection in Dribl by specified deadline	\$25	Per offence
5	10.3	Failure to printing and providing team sheets from Dribl on Match Day	\$50	Per offence
5	10.9	Failure to submit ETS to Capital Football by specified deadline	\$50	Per offence
5	10.10	Failure to list a player as stood down on the team sheet	\$25	Per offence
		Breach of any other provision within the regulations	\$100	Per offence