



# 2024 COMPETITION REGULATIONS



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### 1.1. General Information

- 1.1.1. All Clubs participating in the Nike FC Cup are bound by FV's *Rules of Competition* as promulgated by FV from time to time.
- 1.1.2. These Regulations shall apply to all Nike FC Cup fixtures administered by FV and may be amended by FV at any time.
- 1.1.3. Terms defined in the FV Rules of Competition (ROC) shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 1.1.4. All National Premier League Women (NPLW), Victorian Premier League Womens (VPLW) and Women's State League 1 Clubs are required to register and participate in the Nike FC Cup.
- 1.1.5. Women's State League 2-5 and FV Affiliated Clubs wanting to participate in the Nike FC Cup, must submit a team entry as communicated by FV prior to the first draw.
- 1.1.6. Women's State League (WSL) Nike FC Cup Entries will be ranked based on their league allocation to determine the Nike F.C Cup progression.
- 1.1.7. Clubs will enter the Nike FC Cup at the following stages:
  - a. WSL 3-5 and FV Affiliated Regional Clubs, will enter the competition in Round 1;
  - b. WSL 1 & 2 will enter the competition in Round 2;
  - c. VPLW Clubs will enter the competition in Round 3;
  - d. NPLW will enter the competition in Round 4;
- 1.1.8. FV may amend the seeding of any Club within the draw as it deems necessary.
- 1.1.9. All stages of the Nike FC Cup shall be played in a knockout format.
- 1.1.10. All Round winners will proceed to the next Round.
- 1.1.11. All Round draws will be random with no separation of seeds within each Round.
- 1.1.12. Where required, a bye round will fill any vacant slots in the draw process.
- 1.1.13. The competition progression will be as follows:
  - a. **Qualifying Round:** All Club Team Entries will be evaluated and if required FV will introduce a Qualifying Round. The winners of the Qualifying Round will progress to Round One (1).
  - b. **Round 1:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.7.a,
  - c. **Round 2:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.7.b plus the winners of all matches outlined in Regulations 1.1.13.b with winners progressing to Round Three (3).
  - d. **Round 3:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.7.c plus the winners of all matches outlined in Regulations 1.1.13.c with winners progressing to Round Four (4).
  - e. **Round 4:** All Clubs outlined in Regulation 1.1.7.d plus winners of matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.13.d with winners progressing to the Quarter Finals.

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- f. **Quarter Finals:** Winners of matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.13.e with winners progressing to the Semi Finals.
  - g. **Semi Finals:** Winners of matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.13.f with winners progressing to the Cup Final.
  - h. **Cup Final:** Winners of matches outlined in Regulation 1.1.13.g with the winner declared Nike FC Cup Champion.
- 1.1.14. In 2024, Football Victoria will also be hosting a Nike FC Community Cup Final, in recognition of the highest placed non-professional clubs in the Competition. This will see the 2 highest placed non-NPLW clubs compete in a competitive finals match, to determine the winner. Should more than 2 clubs reach the final stages of the tournament, a knockout draw and progression will occur, to determine the final 2 clubs e.g. If 3 or 4 clubs reach the Quarter Finals, they will play off to determine the highest 2 finishing clubs, in advance of the Nike FC Community Cup Final<sup>[MB1]</sup>.
- 1.1.15. Matches may only be played on public holidays with the permission of FV.
- 1.1.16. FV may alter the Nike FC Cup format outlined under Regulations 1.1.6, 1.1.7 and 1.1.13 at its discretion.
- 1.1.17. FV may alter fixture kickoff times, dates and venues as it deems necessary and at its sole discretion.

## 1.2. Team Eligibility

- 1.2.1 A Club will be eligible to play in the Nike FC Cup subject to:
- a. is registered as a Club with FFA and affiliated or recognised by either FV or a body registered with FFA as an Association in Victoria (**Affiliate**); or,
  - b. has entered, or intends to enter, a senior women's Team in any 2024 competition to be run by FV or an Affiliate.
  - c. Completes the online Team entry form as promulgated by FV from time to time; and
  - d. Pays the Team Entry Fee to FV Prior to competing in the Nike FC Cup<sup>[MB2]</sup>.
- 1.2.2 All Clubs stipulated in 1.2.1 are only eligible to enter one senior women's Team in the Nike FC Cup.
- 1.2.3 FV may in its absolute discretion admit a Team into the Nike FC Cup which does not meet each of the criteria set out in Regulation 1.2.1.

## 1.3. Player Eligibility

- 1.3.1 All Players must be registered and eligible to play for a Team in accordance with the current FV Registration Regulations.
- 1.3.2 Players in the Nike FC Cup are "Cup-Tied", specifically:
- a. A Player may only play for one Team during the Nike FC Cup in any given year.
  - b. Any Player who has played for a Team at any stage of the Nike FC Cup is "tied" to that Club or Team for all future Nike FC Cup fixtures in the current season.



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- c. To avoid doubt, if a Player has played for a Team in a round of the Nike FC Cup and subsequently transfers or moves to a new Club or Team, that Player is no longer eligible to play in a Nike FC Cup fixture either for the previous Club or the new Club.
  - d. Only Players registered and eligible prior to 5PM of the first scheduled game of the Quarter Final Stage may be fielded in a Nike FC Cup fixture by the Club for which they are registered and eligible from this stage of the competition until and including the Nike FC Cup Final.
  - e. All Players registered for a Club or Team for the 2024 Season after and during the period outlined in Regulation 1.3.2.d are not eligible for the remaining rounds of the Nike FC Cup (including the Final).
- 1.3.3 To be eligible to participate in Nike FC <sup>[HK3]</sup>Cup, Players must be at least 14 years of age as of 1 January 2024 unless an application to FV for exemption from Regulation 1.3.3 is made by the Player's Club on behalf of a Player and is accepted by FV.
  - a. The application must be supported by a signed letter from the player's Clubs president supporting the application;
  - b. The application must be supported by a signed letter from the player's State Team/Representative Team coach or Club Technical Director.
  - c. The application must be supported by a signed letter of consent from the players parent or guardian supporting the application;
  - d. Must also be supported by a signed letter of support from the player's medical professional listing general medical details if the player including height and weight and;
  - e. The Club/player must provide FV with any further information request.
- 1.3.4 All player dispensations referred to in Regulation 1.3.3 will be considered by FV at its sole and absolute discretion.
- 1.3.5 If an application does not satisfy the criteria in Regulation 1.3.3, FV may request additional information before considering the application.
- 1.3.6 Players must be registered to their Club in accordance with any FV registration rules applicable to that Club's senior women's team. (which, for NPLW Clubs, includes the Player Roster rules).
  - a. VPLW Clubs will only be permitted to list a maximum of AFC 3 +1 Visa player(s) on their Senior match day team sheet.
  - b. Any VPLW Club that lists more than the maximum AFC 3 +1 Visa player(s) on their Senior team match day team sheet will be in breach of regulation 1.3.6 and may be in breach of regulations regarding fielding an ineligible player(s).
  - c. For NPLW Clubs, the Player Roster and Visa Restrictions as per the regulations of the Player Roster Composition (PRC).
  - d. The two (2) highest placed Community (non-professional, including VPLW, All Stage Leagues, all Regional) clubs will play in a Nike FC Community Cup Final, to determine a winner. Prizemoney and a trophy, will be presented in recognition.

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ROUND	NO. OF TEAMS	GAMES	TEAM COMPOSITION
1	42	17 Fixtures (8 Byes)	WSL 3-5 & Regional
2	56	28	31 (WSL 1 & 2) + 25 RD1 Winners
3	40	20	12 (VPLW) + 28 RD2 Winners
4	32	16	12 NPLW + 20 RD 3 Winners
5	16	8	RD4 Winners
(Quarter-Finals)	8	4	RD5 Winners
(Semi-Finals)	4	2	QF Winners
(Cup Finals)	2 CF (+2 Community)	2	SF Winners
TOTAL	98 Teams	90 Games	

## 2. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

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#### 2.1. Substitution

- 2.1.1 A maximum of seventeen (17) Players may be named on the Match Record.
- 2.1.2 For all fixtures, the following substitution rules will apply:
  - a. Up to a maximum of five (5) players may be replaced at one (1) of three (3) permitted substitution opportunity to make a substitution during a match, up until the conclusion of normal playing time, time lost or extra time, if played. The replacement player must be one of the substitutes selected on the Match Record as directed above. For the avoidance of doubt, any;
    - (i) Substitutions made during the half-time break will not count towards the three (3) permitted substitution opportunities during a match; and
    - (ii) Substitution or substitution opportunities that have not been used at the conclusion of normal playing time lost, if played, such unused substitutions and substitution opportunities may be used during Extra time; and
    - (iii) In the event that a team uses all five (5) substitutes during the 90 minutes period no further substitution are possible during Extra Time. For the avoidance of doubt an additional substitution opportunity will be afforded to a team who has utilized all three (3) opportunities during normal time but still has an unplayed substitute or substitutes remaining.
    - (iv) Any additional substituted player(s) will be deemed ineligible for the purposes of that fixture.
    - (v) For the avoidance of doubt, no more than five (5) substitutes may be used throughout the 90 minutes normal playing time, time lost or extra time, if played.
- 2.1.3 A Match Official may decline a substitution of player(s) in the last five (5) minutes of a Cup Fixture if in his or her opinion the change is being made to deliberately delay the restart of play.
- 2.1.4 Substitutes may warm up outside of the Technical Area, provided they are wearing an alternative coloured uniform to the Team strip or bib.
- 2.1.5 When warming up, substitutes must choose an area furthest from the opposing Team or as advised by the appointed Match Official.

#### 2.2. Ground Marshals

- 2.2.1. Each Club must provide the number of marshals (**Ground Marshals**) directed by FV.
- 2.2.2. Ground Marshals must:
  - a. be at least 18 years old and provide the Match Official with their name;
  - b. be in a clearly identifiable uniform;
  - c. be visible from the field of play at all times;
  - d. escort the Match Official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the fixture, at half time and at full time; and

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- e. where required, assist the Match Officials(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all Players, Club Officials and spectators.
- 2.2.3. Match Officials must not leave their dressing rooms to enter the Field of Play or return to their rooms from the Field of Play until the identifiable Ground Marshals are present.

**Table 2.2 – Minimum Number of Ground Marshals for all Preliminary Round Fixtures**

ROUND	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GROUND MARSHALS
Qualifying Round, 1, 2, 3 & Quarter Finals <sup>[HK4]</sup>	2
Semi Finals & Final	4

- 2.2.4. FV may vary the minimum Ground Marshal requirements for any Nike FC Cup Round at any time at its discretion.
- 2.2.5. Each home and away Club is required to provide 50% of the required Ground Marshals for each Preliminary Round <sup>[HK5]</sup> Fixture, failure to do so resulting in the Club being subject to a penalty under the GDT.

### 2.3. Player Strip

- 2.3.1. Team Strip
- a. All Clubs must nominate a 'Home' and 'Alternate' playing strip. The Club's 'Home' and 'Alternate' playing strip must be entered into the Nike FC Cup 2024 Team Registration Form.
  - b. The 'Home' Club is the first named Club in the fixture for the purposes of strip allocation for a fixture, irrespective of where the fixture is played.
  - c. The Home Club in each Nike FC Cup fixture is required to wear their nominated 'Home' playing strip, unless otherwise instructed by FV.
  - d. In the instance of a strip clash between the home and away Team as determined by the Match Official, the away Team is required to provide a sufficient alternate playing strip, as determined by the Match Official and/or FV.
  - e. A Club may be penalised and a forfeit win awarded to the non-offending Team if a Nike FC Cup fixture does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that such Club or Team did not comply with Rule 2.3.1.d.



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**Table 2.3 – Clashes and Permissions**

Item	WSL/VPLW vs. WSL/VPLW	WSL/VPLW vs. NPLW	NPLW vs. NPLW
<b>Playing Shirt</b>	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted
<b>Shorts</b>	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted
<b>Socks</b>	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted

### 2.4. Match Balls

- 2.4.1. The Home Club shall provide the appointed Match Official with 3 Match balls (size 5) no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled fixture.
- 2.4.2. In the event the fixture is played at a neutral venue the responsibility of providing Match balls falls to the first listed club of the fixture.
- 2.4.3. For the purpose of the Semi Final [HK6] and Final of the Nike FC Cup, FV will supply the Match balls for the fixture.
- 2.4.4. All Clubs must use a licensed Match ball from one (1) of FV's licensed ball manufacturers as advised by FV from time to time (see FV Website).
- 2.4.5. Any breach of the match ball licensing arrangements must be reported to FV by the Match Official.
- 2.4.6. A failure to comply with Regulation 2.4 may result in sanctions set out in the GDT.

### 2.5. Match Duration

- 2.5.1. Each Nike FC Cup Match must consist of two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes to total a 'full' regular period Nike FC Cup Match time of ninety (90) minutes, excluding any injury time played as determined by the Match Official.
- 2.5.2. Extra Time and Penalties
  - a. If, at the conclusion of Normal Time in any Nike FC Cup Match (including injury time), the scores between the two (2) Clubs are tied, extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes will be played. The conditions the IFAB Laws of the Game will apply.
  - b. If scores remain equal at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, penalty kicks will be taken, in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game, to determine the winner of the Nike FC Cup Match.

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### 2.6. Results of Matches

- 2.6.1. Clubs must list no more than 17 players on the Match Record. Each Team taking part in a Competition Fixture must produce to the Match Official a Match Record no less than 30 minutes before the commencement of any FV Competition Fixture.
- 2.6.2. If a Club disagrees with any of the details on a Match Record prior to the commencement of the fixture, the fixture must still take place as per the fixtured start time.
- 2.6.3. A Match Official has the discretion to amend a Match Record up until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Competition Fixture. The Match Official must inform a representative of both teams who must sign the Match Record to confirm the amendment.
- 2.6.4. Subject to Rule 2.6.9, a Club may be charged with Misconduct if:
  - a. any player listed on the Match Record is ineligible in accordance with either these Rules or the GDT; or
  - b. more than 17 players are listed on the Match Record; or
  - c. it fails to list on the Match Record the shirt number, full name and FFA ID number for each player, or adds players to the Match Record after submission to the Match Official (and without the Match Official's permission), and shall be processed in accordance with the terms of the GDT.
- 2.6.5. A representative from each Team must sign the Match Record at the conclusion of the Competition Fixture and should do so only after the appointed Match Official has recorded all outstanding details.
- 2.6.6. If a Club disagrees with any of the details on a Match Record (either its own or the opposition's), the Club must sign and indicate any disputed information by circling the detail in question. Only the following information can be disputed:
  - a. Goal Scorers;
  - b. Red and Yellow Cards;
  - c. Final score; or
  - d. Player eligibility
- 2.6.7. Match record Disputes will only be investigated by FV in the following circumstances:
  - a. The Match Record and a request to conduct a match investigation is lodged with FV within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Competition Fixture and;
  - b. The following evidence is submitted by the Club in support of its request for a match investigation:
    - i. Full Match Record;
    - ii. Video and/or photographic evidence;
    - iii. Statutory Declaration(s); and
    - iv. Any other information accepted from the Club at the discretion of FV.
- 2.6.8. FV may extend or abridge the deadline referred to in Rule 2.6.7.a. at its discretion.

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- 2.6.9. FV reserves the right to amend the Match Records and will only be amended if FV is satisfied that there was no malice or intent to gain an advantage. In this instance, Clubs may not be charged with Misconduct as per Rule 2.6.4 and FV's decision is final in this regard and is not appealable.
- 2.6.10. Once signed by all parties at the conclusion of the Competition Fixture, each Club must make a copy of its Match Record available to the opposing Team.
- 2.6.11. Minimum Requirements to be entered by the respective Home Club and Away Club in GameDay.
  - a. Home Club
    - i. Half Time Score
    - ii. Full Time Score (including where required extra time and penalties)
    - iii. Home Team Player List
    - iv. Home Team Goal Scorers
    - v. Home Team Yellow Cards
    - vi. Home Team Red Cards
  - b. Away Club
    - i. Away Team Player List
    - ii. Away Team Goal Scorers
    - iii. Away Team Yellow Cards
    - iv. Away Team Red Cards
- 2.6.12. All results information shall be entered online via GameDay no later than 60 minutes following the conclusion of each match.
- 2.6.13. Clubs which fail to notify FV of the results of any Nike FC Cup match by the time and in the manner stipulated above may be fined and may be further penalised under the GDT.
- 2.6.14. Participating Clubs are obliged to participate in Nike FC Cup fixtures. Any Club which fails to do so may be penalised as per the following:
  - a. The Club will be deemed to have forfeited the fixture;
  - b. If FV are notified of Non-Participation by 9.00am five (5) days prior to the fixture no fine will apply; and
  - c. If FV are notified of Non-Participation after 9.00am and less than five (5) prior days to the fixture, a Club may be fined under the GDT.
- 2.6.15. In the event of forfeit without adequate notification to FV, the payment of any Match Official Match Fees is entirely (100%) the responsibility of the non-participating Club. The payment will be shared (50%) if both Clubs do not participate in the fixture.

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### 2.7. Venue Requirements

- 2.7.1. **Rounds - Qualifying, 1-4:** <sup>[HK7]</sup> Senior class venue more particularly described in Schedule of the ROC, or as otherwise approved by FV at its sole and absolute discretion.
- 2.7.2. **Quarter Finals:** Senior class venue more particularly described in Schedule of the ROC, or as otherwise approved by FV at its sole and absolute discretion.
- 2.7.3. **Semi Finals & Final:** Senior class venue more particularly described in Schedule of the ROC, or as otherwise approved by FV at its sole and absolute discretion.
- 2.7.4. Nike FC Cup fixtures may be played on a pitch with a synthetic surface provided it has been constructed and maintained to at least FIFA standard or otherwise approved by FV.

### 2.8. Hosting of FV Competition Fixtures

- 2.8.1. Club drawn first and named first on published fixtures will be the nominated Home Club.
- 2.8.2. Home Clubs must provide a venue and kick off preference within 48 hours from the publication of the draw;
  - a. If the Home Club is unable to provide a suitable venue the second named club will be given 24 hours to provide both a venue and a kick off preference;
  - b. If any club provides written confirmation of their inability to host a fixture prior to the deadlines set in Regulation 2.8, the club forfeits their hosting rights including kick off preference;
  - c. In the event that neither participating club can provide a venue, FV at its sole discretion will provide a venue and allocate a kick off date and time. Decisions made by FV in this regard are not appealable.
- 2.8.3. FV may alter the deadline for kickoff preferences outlined in Regulation 2.8.2 as it deems necessary.

### 2.9. Stretchers / First Aid

- 2.9.1. Each Home Club must allocate one (1) stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all Nike FC Cup Preliminary Round fixtures.
- 2.9.2. Each Home Club must provide a First Aid Kit including, but not limited to:
  - a. Band Aids;
  - b. Bandages; and
  - c. Ice Pack (or other available ice).



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#### 3.1. Admittance to Nike FC Cup Fixtures

##### 3.1.1. Admittance Prices

No admittance prices prior to the Semi Finals may be charged for the Nike FC Cup

CATEGORY	ADMITTANCE PRICE
Round 1- Quarter Finals	FREE
Semi Final & Cup Final	FREE

##### 3.1.2. Conditions of Entry to Venues

FV's conditions of entry to venues apply to all matches in the Nike FC Cup. Each hosting club shall display those conditions at each entry point to the venue.

#### 3.2. Match Official Fees

##### 3.2.1. Nike FC Cup Match Officials fees outlined below in Table 3.2 will apply but are subject to change at any time:

**Table 3.2 – Match Official Fees for Nike FC Cup Fixtures**

	REFEREE	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	FOURTH OFFICIAL
<b>Round 1 (WSL 3-5 &amp; Regional)</b>	\$125	\$65	\$65	
<b>Round 2 (WSL 1-2)</b>	\$125	\$65	\$65	
<b>Round 3 (VPLW)</b>	\$155	\$75	\$75	
<b>Round 4 (NPLW)</b>	\$195	\$105	\$105	
<b>Round 5</b>	\$225	\$115	\$115	\$115
<b>Quarter Finals</b>	\$250	\$125	\$125	\$125
<b>Semi Finals</b>	\$250	\$125	\$125	\$125
<b>Final</b>	FV cover Match Official Fees			

##### 3.2.2. The Home Club is responsible for the payment of Match Officials Nike FC Cup fees as published by FV from time to time;

- a. Should the Home listed Club not provide a venue and the Away listed Club provide a venue, the Away listed Club will be responsible for the Match Official fees.

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- b. Where agreed upon in writing between competing Clubs, Clubs may split the payment of Match Official fees.
- 3.2.3. If a Nike FC Cup fixture is played at a FV selected neutral venue the Match Official fees are split equally between the participating Clubs.

#### 3.3. Fixture Time and Playing Days<sup>[HK8]</sup>

- 3.3.1. Nike FC Cup Round 1-4<sup>[HK9]</sup> fixtures will be played on either Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, although FV may schedule fixtures on other days as it deems necessary, or otherwise approves.
- 3.3.2. Friday or Monday night Nike FC Cup Fixtures may not kick off earlier than 7:00pm or later than 8:00pm, unless the Nike FC Cup fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3 of the ROC or as otherwise determined by FV.
- 3.3.3. Nike FC Cup Rounds 1-4 fixtures cannot be scheduled for a Friday or Monday night if the distance between the home venues of the two (2) Clubs exceeds 50km, unless upon written agreement of the two (2) Clubs, or otherwise determined by FV i.e. mid-week Round 5 onwards.
- 3.3.4. Sunday Nike FC Cup Fixtures may not kick off earlier than 1:00pm or later than 8:00pm, unless either fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 3.4.1, or otherwise scheduled by FV.
- 3.3.5. For Nike FC Cup Quarter Final fixtures, Club may have the opportunity to request fixture details, however fixtures will be confirmed at FV's discretion while taking into consideration Clubs Regular Season fixtures.
- 3.3.6. Fixtures may be played on alternate days and times with the written consent of both competing Clubs providing it does not negatively impact the draw or future rounds, subject to FV approval.
- 3.3.7. Where a Regional based Club (as determined by FV) is fixtured against a Metropolitan or another Regional based Club in the following Nike FC Cup Rounds; Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 or Round 4, FV may in its sole absolute discretion direct a set kick off time to allow sufficient travel time to and from the venue for the 'Away' Club.

#### 3.4. ABANDONED COMPETITIONS FIXTURES

- 3.4.1. Fixtures may only be abandoned by a decision of the Match Official.
- 3.4.2. A Fixture may be abandoned for any, but not limited to, the following reasons:
  - a. Any Team has its playing numbers reduced for any reason below the minimum IFAB requirement of seven (7) Players;
  - b. The lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the Match Official it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
  - c. The Match Official determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason.
  - d. The Match Official, in consultation with security staff and ground marshals where applicable, determines that the conditions for Players, coaches, Match Officials or spectators have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;

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- e. One or both of the Teams is not ready to commence the Fixture within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time; or
  - f. In accordance with Rule 3.6.
- 3.4.3. If a Fixture is abandoned due to a matter set out in Rule 3.4.2, FV may determine one of the following outcomes of the Fixture at its absolute and sole discretion:
- a. If 60 minutes or more of Normal Time has been played then the score at the time of abandonment may stand. 'Played' in the context of this Rule will be determined by FV with reference to the Match Official.
  - b. If a Fixture has been abandoned prior to sixty (60) minutes, FV may determine one of the following;
  - c. Fixture to be replayed in full.
  - d. Competition Fixture result is 0-0.
  - e. Competition Fixture result is 3-0 to the non-offending Team, unless the score at the time of abandonment was greater and in favour of the non-offending Team, in which case the greater result will stand. In determining what is a 'greater' result, FV will give preference to goals FOR in the first instance (i.e. 4-1 will be considered a 'greater' result than 3-0).
  - f. Competition Fixture to be replayed from the time at which the original Competition Fixture was abandoned. In the event a Competition Fixture is replayed in accordance with this Rule:
    - i. The score at the time of the abandonment remains the score at the time the Fixture recommences; and
    - ii. Only Players listed on the Match Record for the initial Fixture between the two sides will be eligible to compete in the recommenced Fixture, unless FV determines that additional Players are eligible (for example, in the case of Player injury or availability); and
    - iii. FV will determine what, if any, further substitutions are allowed by each Team during the recommenced Fixture, giving consideration to the number of substitutions made in the Fixture before it was originally abandoned (including which Players may take the Field of Play or be substituted on).
  - g. Competition Fixture result at time of abandonment shall stand.
- 3.4.4. When a Fixture is abandoned:
- a. after commencement of the Fixture, all Match Officials are entitled to receive 100% of their normal match fee; or
  - b. prior to commencement of the Fixture, all Match Officials are entitled to receive 50% of their normal match fee if the Match Official(s) were present at the venue when the Fixture was due to commence.
- 3.4.5. Match Officials may not claim more than one (1) postponed match fee from one venue on one day.
- 3.4.6. If a Fixture is abandoned by the Match Official, both the Match Official and the Home Club must notify FV by the following working day that the Fixture has been abandoned.

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### 3.5. POSTPONED/RESCHEDULED FIXTURES

- 3.5.1. Fixtures may only be postponed or rescheduled by FV Competition staff.
- 3.5.2. FV may reschedule Fixtures at its discretion. In exercising that discretion, FV:
  - a. Will take into consideration all relevant circumstances including but not limited to league fixtures and the scheduling of future Fixtures.
- 3.5.3. FV will determine the new time and date for the playing of a postponed/rescheduled Fixture. Such decision is not open to appeal or review. Clubs are obliged to fulfill any postponed or rescheduled Fixture as determined by FV and any Club which fails to do so will automatically forfeit the Fixture and may face penalty under the GDT.
- 3.5.4. Any postponed or abandoned Competition Fixture that requires rescheduling will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date while taking in consideration the next scheduled Fixture or as determined by FV.
- 3.5.5. Any Competition Fixture scheduled by FV to be replayed must be completed by no later than 48 hours prior to the next scheduled Nike FC Cup Round or unless otherwise approved or directed by FV in writing.
- 3.5.6. Any Club Associate or Club found guilty of rearranging a Fixture or requesting the appointment of Match Officials outside a set kick-off time or date will be subject to Misconduct under the GDT. FV may also record the final score of any such Fixture as a 'No Result'.

### 3.6. WEATHER CONDITIONS

- 3.6.1. FV and/or the Match Official may delay or abandon any Fixture due to weather, pitch conditions such as but not limited to excessive heat/humidity, lightning or rain that may endanger participants health and/or safety. Refer to [Extreme Weather Policy](#).



## **4. GDT APPLICABILITY**

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FV's 2024 Grievance, Discipline and Tribunal By-Law (GDT) and the National Disciplinary Regulations (NDR) will apply to all Nike FC Cup matches in respect of Red Cards, Yellow Cards and Misconduct matter or otherwise where a Player or Club commits a breach of Nike FC Cup Regulations. In the event there are any inconsistencies between the GDT and NDR, the relevant term or terms of the NDR will prevail.

## 5. PRIZE MONEY

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- a. For the Final Rounds, prize money will be paid to participating Clubs for each Round from the Quarter Finals onwards.
- b. The Nike FC Cup prize fund will be outlined by Football Victoria.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, no prize money will be awarded to participating Clubs in Rounds 1 to the Round of 16.
- d. In the situation that FV Emerging participate in the Semi Finals or Cup Finals, the relevant prize money will not be allocated to the Team.