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NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE 2024 FACILITY REQUIREMENTS





INFRASTRUCTURE		
VENUES / STADIUM(S) FOR FIRST TEAM MATCHES	1.01	The Licence Applicant must have a Venue / Stadium available to play its NPL senior (e.g., first team) matches. The Licence Applicant either: a) owns the venue(s) / stadium(s); or b) can provide a written contract with the owner of the venue(s) / stadium(s) it will use.
VENUE / STADIUM: FIELD OF PLAY DIMENSIONS & FIELD MARKINGS	1.02	This contract must guarantee the use of the venue(s) / stadium(s) for the NPL senior (e.g., first team) matches for the coming season. The field of play must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game. The preferred dimensions of the field of play are 105m long and 68m wide. The field of play dimensions must remain within a scope of 96m – 110m in length and 60m – 75m in width.
VENUE / STADIUM: PLAYING SURFACE	1.03	The playing surface must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game. The surface must be even and flat with complete coverage of grass. The surface must be natural grass, reinforced natural grass (hybrid) or FIFA Quality approved artificial turf. The surface must be free of potholes, foreign objects and protrusions of any kind through the surface or any deviations hazardous to players and officials.
VENUE / STADIUM: GOALS & CORNER FLAGS	1.04	The goals and corner flags must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game. Goal posts must be permanent, white in colour, be made of aluminium or similar material, be round, pose no dangers to players and be firmly secured to the ground, with a height of 2.44m and a width of 7.32m and a diameter of no more than 12cm. Goal nets must be attached to posts, conform to Australian standards and cannot obstruct the goalkeeper. Corner flags are compulsory, with flag posts no less than 1.5m high. At least 1 spare net and 1 set of spare corner flags must be available.





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VENUE / STADIUM: PITCH PERIMETER FENCE	1.05	A pitch perimeter fence must surround the field of play, which is at least 2m from the field of play and at least 900mm in height. The fence must be constructed of substantial material. Any signage attached to the fence must be properly secured.
VENUE / STADIUM: TECHNICAL AREA	1.06	The Technical Area must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game. The area must include two team benches positioned equidistant from the touchline and from the halfway line, with seating for at leas 11 people.
VENUE / STADIUM: EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCESS	1.07	There must be direct access to the venue $/$ stadium and the area around the field of play for emergency service vehicles.
VENUE / STADIUM: PLAYER DRESSING ROOMS	1.08	The venue / stadium must have separate dressing rooms near the field of play for the home and visiting teams. The dressing rooms must be well-ventilated and lockable. The dressing rooms should, at a minimum, include the below amenities: Seating for at least 16 people; 1 lockable toilet with sanitary bin; 1 washbasin; 2 lockable showers; Hot and cold water; 1 physio/massage table; 1 whiteboard with markers and eraser; 1 refrigerator and/or ice bucket; 1 power point.





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		The venue / stadium must have a dressing room near the field of play for the referees.
		The dressing room must be well-ventilated and lockable.
		The dressing room should, at a minimum, include the below amenities:
		Seating for at least 4 people;
VENUE / CTABUM- REFERE		1 lockable toilet with sanitary bin;
VENUE / STADIUM: REFEREE DRESSING ROOM	1.09	1 washbasin;
		1 lockable shower;
		Hot and cold water;
		1 table;
		1 refrigerator and/or ice bucket;
		1 power point.
VENUE / STADIUM: WARM-UP AREA	1.10	A warm-up area must be provided for the teams. The warm-up area must: a) be in close proximity to the player dressing rooms and field of play, or the field of play itselfmay be used if necessary; be completely covered with natural grass or FIFA approved artificial grass; and
		be free of any obstructions, foreign objects, potholes or any deviations that could be hazardous to players or officials as they move across the surface.
VENUE / STADIUM: FIELD OF PLAY LIGHTING	1.11	The field of play must have a maintained average horizontal floodlighting luminance of 200 lux to play night fixtures.
VENUE / STADIUM: DISABLED SEATING	1.12	The venue / stadium must have dedicated seating area for disabled spectators with easy access to parking and toilet facilities and
		which provides an unobstructed view of the field of play.
VENUE / STADIUM: TOILETS	1.13	The venue / stadium must have sufficient toilet facilities that are maintained in good and clean condition for spectators.





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		The venue / stadium must have at least one (1) canteen in clean condition that meets local government standards and health
VENUE / STADIUM: CANTEEN	1.14	regulations, with a variety of foods and drinks.
		If the canteen sells alcohol, the Club must hold the required liquor licence.
VENUE / STADIUM: SCOREBOARD	1.15	There must be an elevated scoreboard that is visible from all areas of the venue / stadium.
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		$The \ venue \ / \ stadium \ must \ have \ a \ designated \ medical \ area \ undercover \ that \ is \ close \ to \ or \ within \ the \ player \ dressing \ rooms.$
		The medical area should, at a minimum, include the below amenities:
VENUE / STADIUM: MEDICAL	1.16	a) Treatment/physio/massage table;
AREA	1.10	b) Running water;
		c) Sufficient lighting; and
		d) Proper waste disposal.
VENUE / STADIUM: MEDICAL SUPPLIES	I.17	The venue / stadium must be equipped with basic medical supplies, including a first aid kit, strapping tape and a defibrillator.
VENUE / STADIUM: STRETCHER	1.18	The venue / stadium must be equipped with at least one (1) first aid stretcher, which complies with applicable standards, in a
VENGE/ SIADIOM: SIREICHER	1.10	designated area near the field of play.
VENUE / STADIUM: FIRE PREVENTION	1.19	The venue / stadium must be equipped with fire prevention devices as required by government and Australian standards.
VENUE / STADIUM:	1.20	If required by the relevant authority, the venue / stadium must have an approved evacuation plan / emergency exit plan.
EVACUATION PLAN /		This plan must be clearly displayed at points of entry and exit.
EMERGENCY EXIT PLAN		Exits must be free from obstructions, be clearly signposted and lit in accordance with Australian standards.





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		The venue / stadium must have broadcast camera positions that:
		a) are located at midfield;
		b) provide cover from the elements;
VENUE / STADIUM:		c) are elevated at least 3m above the field of play;
BROADCAST CAMERA	1.21	d) provide an unobstructed view of the pitch; and
POSITIONS		e) provide access to necessary power.
		Temporary or permanent positions are permitted, but all positions must be completely stable and comply with relevant safety
		standards/codes of practice.
		Permanent positions are strongly recommended.
VENUE / CTADIUM, DI AVEDO		The venue / stadium must have a players race to provide direct and exclusive access for players and referees from the dressing rooms
VENUE / STADIUM: PLAYERS RACE	1.22	to the field of play.
		The players race must be constructed from substantial material, free from obstruction and not accessible to spectators.
	1.23	The venue / stadium must have a public address (PA) system with sufficient speakers installed to ensure messages are heard
VENUE / STADIUM: PUBLIC		throughout the venue.
ADDRESS SYSTEM		The PA system must have the ability to project spoken announcements (e.g., announcer microphone) and the playing of recorded
		elements (e.g., music).
VENUE / STADIUM: SEATING	1.24	The venue / stadium must have seating for at least 200 spectators.
i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i		It is recommended that at least 100 of these seats are undercover, either via an undercover viewing area or with individual seats.
VENUE / STADIUM: TICKET BOX	1.25	If tickets are sold to the general public, the venue $/$ stadium must have at least one (1) temporary or permanent ticket box at the
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VENUE / STADIUM: AMBULANCE	1.26	The venue / stadium should have one (1) ambulance on-site for all matchdays.	
VENUE / STADIUM: UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE	1.27	The field of play should have underground drainage to allow play during rain and periods of extended rainfall.	
VENUE / STADIUM: ENCLOSED VENUE	1.28	The venue /stadium should be completely enclosed with a temporary or permanent fence of at least 1.8m in height.	
VENUE / STADIUM: PARKING	1.29	The venue / stadium should have a designated parking area for match officials, the home team and away team in the closest lot to the stadium entry. It is recommended that this designated area be within 250m of the stadium.	
VENUE / STADIUM: PRESS BOX / MEDIA AREA	1.30	The venue / stadium should have a designated area for media members in the grandstand which includes: a) covered seating; b) writing surface for at least four (4) media members; c) clear and unobstructed view of the pitch; and d) access to necessary power.	
VENUE / STADIUM: STADIUM LIGHTING	1.31	The venue / stadium should have general lighting to seating and a pedestrian pathway that conforms to applicable safety standards. The venue / stadium should have emergency lighting in case of loss of power.	
VENUE / STADIUM: STADIUM SAFETY CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT(S)	1.32	The venue / stadium must be certified for safety as defined by the relevant laws, regulations, and codes. Best Practice documentation submitted for this certification should include such items as safety status, compliance statement regarding safety/security regulations, approval of capacity, etc. Licence applicants should work with their Member Federation to provide any relevant document from their venue / stadium that is required per the relevant laws, regulations, and codes.	





INFRASTRUCTURE		
VENUE / STADIUM: GROUND RULES	1.33	The venue / stadium should have ground rules affixed to it and visible to spectators. The ground rules should provide information on admission rights, abandonment or postponement of events, description of prohibitions and penalties, restrictions with regards to smoking, alcohol, fireworks, etc., seating rules and causes for ejection from the ground.
VENUE / TRAINING FACILITIES: AVAILABILITY	1.34	The Licence Applicant must have Training Facilities available for use by its teams throughout the duration of their season (e.g., preseason and playing season). The Licence Applicant either: a) owns the Training Facilities; or b)has a written contract with the owner of the Training Facilities.





VPLM 1 2024 FACILITY REQUIREMENTS





VPLM 1

		Section 1 - Field of Play & Environment
Pitch Size Length	1.1	Length - Minimum 96m, Maximum 110m
Pitch Size Width	1.2	Width - Minimum 60m, Maximum 74m
Run-offs	1.3	A minimum runoff area of 3 meters to any tripping hazard or solid obstruction, including fences and Team Benches, must be provided.
Goals	1.4	Goals conform with FIFA Laws of the Game.
Goals	1.5	Permanent and semi- permanent goals must conform to Australian Standard AS 4866.1 2007 - Playing field equipment - Soccer goals Part 1: Safety aspects and be properly installed and secured. Movable goals must be compliant with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Consumer Protection Notice No.28 of 2010
Corner Flags	1.6	Corner flags must be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game and not feature any nationalist emblem.
Pitch Surface	1.7	The field of play must have an even grass coverage where possible.
Pitch Standards	1.8	The field of play must not include a cricket wicket
Pitch - Synthetic Surface	1.9	Synthetic surfaces must hold a current FIFA QUALITY PROGRAMME for Football Turf or international Match Standard accreditation.
Line Markings	1.10	 Lines must be marked in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the game. No extraneous markings may be present on the pitch for Senior Football. Only products such as agricultural limestone or water-based paint or other similar products which will not harm ground users can be used to mark lines.
Stretcher	1.11	One stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use must be available within the field of play fencing. Wooden stretchers are not suitable.
Pitch Fence	1.12	A permanent chain wire, or similar, fence around the pitch meshed to the ground, with a minimum height of 1.1.
Players Race	1.13	Temporary or permanent race (minimum height of 1.1m) in place from the changerooms to the field of play to segregate players and officials from spectators. Minimum requirement not required - Unless the fixture is deemed at 'Risk Fixture'
Technical Area	1.14	A technical area must be marked for each team on opposite side of the halfway line, on the same side of the field.
Technical Line Markings	1.15	The technical area should extend 1m on either side of the designated seated area and extend forward up to a distance no closer than 1m from the touchline.
Team Benches	1.16	Two covered team benches with adequate seating for 9 people.



		Section 2 - Player & Official Amenities
Player Change Rooms	2.1	Four players lockable dressing rooms, must be provided, with adequate seating for a minimum of 16. Each room with access to an immediately adjacent shower area and toilet facilities not shared with the opposition. The shower area must have hot and cold water showers. Total minimum area of the senior dressing room is 25m2 including shower and toilet area. Home clubs may vary their change room requirements provided away clubs are always provided two change rooms. No portable rooms are permitted in NPL & NPLW.
Match Officials Room	2.2	Match Officials must have exclusive access to a lockable dressing room. The Match Officials room must be accessible without passing through any players' change room which is in use. The room must have exclusive access to a toilet and shower providing hot and cold water. The Match Officials Room must include a writing desk and chair or bench.
Massage Table	2.3	One fully functional and purpose built massage table must be provided for each of the players dressing rooms.
First Aid	2.4	A designated area for administering of first aid. Basic first aid equipment and a bed / massage table all of which must be well maintained and available on matchday.





VPLM 1

	Section 3 - Spectator Amenities		
Public Toilets	3.1	Female and Male toilets situated no more than 50m from the playing field must be provided.	
Disabled Toilets	3.2	Disabled toilet access must be provided.	
Scoreboard	3.3	A Fully functional scoreboard, with "Home" & "Away" or "Home Club Name" & "Visitors" clearly visible to the majority of spectators must be provided and operated on matchday for senior fixtures.	
Parking	3.4	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'	
Food & Drink	3.5	A canteen/kiosk serving hot and cold drinks and snack foods must be available and operated on match day.	
Public Address System	3.6	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'	
Spectator Viewing	3.7	Undercover viewing area for 200 people to be provided	
Ticket Boxes / Entry Points	3.8	Conditions of Entry, Spectator Code of Behavior and any other relevant signage upon entry must be clearly displayed at all venue entry points at all times. If a club chooses to charge entry fees (in line with the Rules of Competition) the entry fee must be clearly displayed and the club must provide a minimum of one covered area for the sale of tickets for matches. Entry fees may only be charged at designated ticket boxes. FV may determine more ticket boxes are required based on potential crowd numbers.	
Perimeter Fencing - NPL	3.9	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'	
Exits	3.10	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'	





Section 4 - Operations & Media			
Access	4.1	The venue must be accessible by emergency services vehicles, with clear signage identifying emergency access entry points displayed.	
Media Viewing Area	4.2	Not required Not required	
Broadcast / Filming Point	4.3	Provision of unobstructed viewing access for media/camera operator, under cover from inclement weather.	





VPLM 2 2024 FACILITY REQUIREMENTS





VPLM 2

Section 1 - Field of Play & Environment		
Pitch Size Length	1.1	Length - Minimum 96m, Maximum 110m
Pitch Size Width	1.2	Width - Minimum 60m, Maximum 74m
Run-offs	1.3	A minimum runoff area of 3 meters to any tripping hazard or solid obstruction, including fences and Team Benches, must be provided.
Goals	1.4	Goals conform with FIFA Laws of the Game.
Goals	1.5	Permanent and semi- permanent goals must conform to Australian Standard AS 4866.1 2007 - Playing field equipment - Soccer goals Part 1: Safety aspects and be properly installed and secured. Movable goals must be compliant with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Consumer Protection Notice No.28 of 2010
Corner Flags	1.6	Corner flags must be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game and not feature any nationalist emblem.
Pitch Surface	1.7	The field of play must have an even grass coverage where possible.
Pitch Standards	1.8	The field of play must not include a cricket wicket
Pitch - Synthetic Surface	1.9	Synthetic surfaces must hold a current FIFA QUALITY PROGRAMME for Football Turf or international Match Standard accreditation.
Line Markings	1.10	 Lines must be marked in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the game. No extraneous markings may be present on the pitch for Senior Football. Only products such as agricultural limestone or water-based paint or other similar products which will not harm ground users can be used to mark lines.
Stretcher	1.11	One stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use must be available within the field of play fencing. Wooden stretchers are not suitable.
Pitch Fence	1.12	A permanent chain wire, or similar, fence around the pitch meshed to the ground, with a minimum height of 1.1.
Players Race	1.13	Temporary or permanent race (minimum height of 1.1m) in place from the changerooms to the field of play to segregate players and officials from spectators. Minimum requirement not required - Unless the fixture is deemed at 'Risk Fixture'
Technical Area	1.14	A technical area must be marked for each team on opposite side of the halfway line, on the same side of the field.
Technical Line Markings	1.15	The technical area should extend 1m on either side of the designated seated area and extend forward up to a distance no closer than 1m from the touchline.
Team Benches	1.16	Two covered team benches with adequate seating for 9 people.



Section 2 - Player & Official Amenities		
Player Change Rooms	2.1	Four players lockable dressing rooms, must be provided, with adequate seating for a minimum of 16. Each room with access to an immediately adjacent shower area and toilet facilities not shared with the opposition. The shower area must have hot and cold water showers. Total minimum area of the senior dressing room is 25m2 including shower and toilet area. Home clubs may vary their change room requirements provided away clubs are always provided two change rooms. No portable rooms are permitted in NPL & NPLW.
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Disabled Toilets	3.2	Disabled toilet access must be provided.
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Parking	3.4	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'
Food & Drink	3.5	A canteen/kiosk serving hot and cold drinks and snack foods must be available and operated on match day.
Public Address System	3.6	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'
Spectator Viewing	3.7	Undercover viewing area for 200 people to be provided
Ticket Boxes / Entry Points	3.8	Conditions of Entry, Spectator Code of Behavior and any other relevant signage upon entry must be clearly displayed at all venue entry points at all times. If a club chooses to charge entry fees (in line with the Rules of Competition) the entry fee must be clearly displayed and the club must provide a minimum of one covered area for the sale of tickets for matches. Entry fees may only be charged at designated ticket boxes. FV may determine more ticket boxes are required based on potential crowd numbers.
Perimeter Fencing - NPL	3.9	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'
Exits	3. 10	Not required - Unless the fixture is deemed an at 'Risk Fixture'





Section 4 - Operations & Media		
Access	4.1	The venue must be accessible by emergency services vehicles, with clear signage identifying emergency access entry points displayed.
Media Viewing Area	4.2	Not required Not required
Broadcast / Filming Point	4.3	Provision of unobstructed viewing access for media/camera operator, under cover from inclement weather.





JBNPL & JGNPL 2024 FACILITY REQUIREMENTS





	Section 1 - Field of Play & Environment		
Pitch Size Length	1.1	Length - Minimum 90m, Maximum 110m	
Pitch Size Width	1.2	Width - Minimum 50, Maximum 74m	
Run-offs	1.3	$A\ minimum\ runoff\ area\ of\ 3\ metres\ to\ any\ tripping\ hazard\ or\ solid\ obstruction, including\ fences\ and\ Team\ Benches,\ must\ be\ provided.$	
Goals	1.4	Goals conform with FIFA Laws of the Game.	
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Pitch - Synthetic Surface	1.9	Synthetic surfaces must hold a current FIFA QUALITY PROGRAMME for Football Turf or international Match Standard accreditation.	
Line Markings	1.10	Multi-marked pitches must be approved by FV prior to use for under 13 - under 19.	
Stretcher	1.11	One stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use must available within the field of play fencing. Wooden stretchers are not suitable.	
Pitch Fence	1.12	A chain wire, or similar temporary, fence around the pitch with a minimum height of 1.1.	
Players Race	1.13	Not required	
Technical Area	1.14	A technical area must be marked for each team on opposite side of the halfway line, on the same side of the field.	
Technical Line Markings	1.15	The technical area should extend 1m on either side of the designated seated area and extend forward up to a distance no closer than 1m from the touchline.	
Team Benches	1.16	Two covered team benches with adequate seating for 9 people.	





Section 2 - Player & Official Amenities		
Player Change Rooms	2.1	Two players lockable dressing rooms, must be provided, each with access to an immediately adjacent toilet facilities not shared with the opposition. Total minimum area of room and showers of 20m2.
Match Officials Room	2.2	Match Officials must have exclusive access to a lockable dressing room. The Match Officials room must be accessible without passing through any players' change room which is in use. The room must have exclusive access to a toilet and shower providing hot and cold water. The Match Officials Room must include a writing desk and chair or bench.
Massage Table	2.3	Not required
First Aid	2.4	A designated area for administering of first aid. Basic first aid equipment and a bed / massage table all of which must be well maintained and available on matchday.





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Disabled Toilets	3.2	Disabled toilet access must be provided.
Scoreboard	3.3	Not required
Parking	3.4	Not required
Food & Drink	3.5	A canteen/kiosk serving hot and cold drinks and snack foods must be available and operated on match day.
Public Address System	3.6	Not required
Spectator Viewing	3.7	Not required
Ticket Boxes / Entry Points	3.8	Conditions of Entry, Spectator Code of Behavior and any other relevant signage upon entry must be clearly displayed at all venue entry points at all times.
Perimeter Fencing - NPL	3.9	Not required
Exits	3. 10	Not required





Section 4 - Operations & Media		
Access	4.1	The venue must be accessible by emergency services vehicles, with clear signage identifying emergency access entry points displayed.
Media Viewing Area	4.2	Not required
Broadcast / Filming Point	4.3	Not required



