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VENUES / STADIUM(S) FOR FIRST TEAM MATCHES	1.01	<p>The Licence Applicant must have a Venue / Stadium available to play its NPL senior (e.g., first team) matches. The Licence Applicant either:</p> <p>a) owns the venue(s) / stadium(s); or</p> <p>b) can provide a written contract with the owner of the venue(s) / stadium(s) it will use.</p> <p>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.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: FIELD OF PLAY DIMENSIONS & FIELD MARKINGS	1.02	<p>The field of play must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game.</p> <p>The preferred dimensions of the field of play are 105m long and 68m wide.</p> <p>The field of play dimensions must remain within a scope of 96m – 110m in length and 60m – 75m in width.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: PLAYING SURFACE	1.03	<p>The playing surface must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game.</p> <p>The surface must be even and flat with complete coverage of grass.</p> <p>The surface must be natural grass, reinforced natural grass (hybrid) or FIFA Quality approved artificial turf.</p> <p>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.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: GOALS & CORNER FLAGS	1.04	<p>The goals and corner flags must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Goal nets must be attached to posts, conform to Australian standards and cannot obstruct the goalkeeper.</p> <p>Corner flags are compulsory, with flag posts no less than 1.5m high.</p> <p>At least 1 spare net and 1 set of spare corner flags must be available.</p>

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VENUE / STADIUM: PITCH PERIMETER FENCE	1.05	<p>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.</p> <p>The fence must be constructed of substantial material.</p> <p>Any signage attached to the fence must be properly secured.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: TECHNICAL AREA	1.06	<p>The Technical Area must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game.</p> <p>The area must include two team benches positioned equidistant from the touchline and from the halfway line, with seating for at least 11 people.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCESS	1.07	<p>There must be direct access to the venue / stadium and the area around the field of play for emergency service vehicles.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: PLAYER DRESSING ROOMS	1.08	<p>The venue / stadium must have separate dressing rooms near the field of play for the home and visiting teams.</p> <p>The dressing rooms must be well-ventilated and lockable.</p> <p>The dressing rooms should, at a minimum, include the below amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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VENUE / STADIUM: REFEREE DRESSING ROOM	1.09	<p>The venue / stadium must have a dressing room near the field of play for the referees.</p> <p>The dressing room must be well-ventilated and lockable.</p> <p>The dressing room should, at a minimum, include the below amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating for at least 4 people; 1 lockable toilet with sanitary bin; 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	<p>A warm-up area must be provided for the teams.</p> <p>The warm-up area must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be in close proximity to the player dressing rooms and field of play, or the field of play itself may be used if necessary; <p>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.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: FIELD OF PLAY LIGHTING	1.11	<p>The field of play must have a maintained average horizontal floodlighting luminance of 200 lux to play night fixtures.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: DISABLED SEATING	1.12	<p>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.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: TOILETS	1.13	<p>The venue / stadium must have sufficient toilet facilities that are maintained in good and clean condition for spectators.</p>

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VENUE / STADIUM: CANTEEN	1.14	<p>The venue / stadium must have at least one (1) canteen in clean condition that meets local government standards and health regulations, with a variety of foods and drinks.</p> <p>If the canteen sells alcohol, the Club must hold the required liquor licence.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: SCOREBOARD	1.15	<p>There must be an elevated scoreboard that is visible from all areas of the venue / stadium.</p> <p>The scoreboard must be capable of showing the names of both teams (home/visitor is acceptable) and the match score.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: MEDICAL AREA	1.16	<p>The venue / stadium must have a designated medical area undercover that is close to or within the player dressing rooms.</p> <p>The medical area should, at a minimum, include the below amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Treatment/physio/massage table; b) Running water; c) Sufficient lighting; and d) Proper waste disposal.
VENUE / STADIUM: MEDICAL SUPPLIES	1.17	<p>The venue / stadium must be equipped with basic medical supplies, including a first aid kit, strapping tape and a defibrillator.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: STRETCHER	1.18	<p>The venue / stadium must be equipped with at least one (1) first aid stretcher, which complies with applicable standards, in a designated area near the field of play.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: FIRE PREVENTION	1.19	<p>The venue / stadium must be equipped with fire prevention devices as required by government and Australian standards.</p>
VENUE / STADIUM: EVACUATION PLAN / EMERGENCY EXIT PLAN	1.20	<p>If required by the relevant authority, the venue / stadium must have an approved evacuation plan / emergency exit plan.</p> <p>This plan must be clearly displayed at points of entry and exit.</p> <p>Exits must be free from obstructions, be clearly signposted and lit in accordance with Australian standards.</p>

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<p>VENUE / STADIUM: BROADCAST CAMERA POSITIONS</p>	<p>1.21</p>	<p>The venue / stadium must have broadcast camera positions that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) are located at midfield; b) provide cover from the elements; c) are elevated at least 3m above the field of play; d) provide an unobstructed view of the pitch; and e) provide access to necessary power. <p>Temporary or permanent positions are permitted, but all positions must be completely stable and comply with relevant safety standards/codes of practice.</p> <p>Permanent positions are strongly recommended.</p>
<p>VENUE / STADIUM: PLAYERS RACE</p>	<p>1.22</p>	<p>The venue / stadium must have a players race to provide direct and exclusive access for players and referees from the dressing rooms to the field of play.</p> <p>The players race must be constructed from substantial material, free from obstruction and not accessible to spectators.</p>
<p>VENUE / STADIUM: PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM</p>	<p>1.23</p>	<p>The venue / stadium must have a public address (PA) system with sufficient speakers installed to ensure messages are heard throughout the venue.</p> <p>The PA system must have the ability to project spoken announcements (e.g., announcer microphone) and the playing of recorded elements (e.g., music).</p>
<p>VENUE / STADIUM: SEATING</p>	<p>1.24</p>	<p>The venue / stadium must have seating for at least 200 spectators.</p> <p>It is recommended that at least 100 of these seats are undercover, either via an undercover viewing area or with individual seats.</p>
<p>VENUE / STADIUM: TICKET BOX</p>	<p>1.25</p>	<p>If tickets are sold to the general public, the venue / stadium must have at least one (1) temporary or permanent ticket box at the entrance.</p>

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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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VENUE / STADIUM: GROUND RULES	1.33	<p>The venue / stadium should have ground rules affixed to it and visible to spectators.</p> <p>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.</p>
VENUE / TRAINING FACILITIES: AVAILABILITY	1.34	<p>The Licence Applicant must have Training Facilities available for use by its teams throughout the duration of their season (e.g., pre-season and playing season).</p> <p>The Licence Applicant either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) owns the Training Facilities; orb) has a written contract with the owner of the Training Facilities.