

## 2024 SUMMARY OF CHANGES ADVANCED COMPETITION

Rule of Competition Section	Comments	Change/Amendment/ Updated Wording
	Updated Wording	There is no longer NPL 2 or NPL 3, they have been renamed to VPLM 1 and VPLM 2 respectfully.
	Combination of Rules	There will no longer be separate rules for male and female competitions, they will be in one document.
1.4.4(a)(iii)	Matters Taken into Account When Fielding an Ineligible Player	Whether it can be demonstrated by the Club that it was misled by the Player in relation to eligibility/registration
1.4.4(d)	Where a Club or Team Fields an Unregistered or Ineligible Player in a Competition Fixture, including Finals	Sub-Rules (a) and (b) above shall not apply where the Club has made enquiries to FV about the Player(s) prior to the Competition Fixture and was informed in writing by FV that the Player was Registered/Eligible as necessary.
1.4.14	Appeals	FV reserves the right during the Season to implement (and publish details of) an appeals mechanism against FV's decisions under Rule 1.4.4. Under such mechanism, Clubs who have had points so deducted may appeal that decision to the FV Tribunal, to be dealt with further to the GDT.
1.4.15	Appeals	An appeal under Rule 1.4.14 shall constitute a Tribunal Referral for the purposes of the GDT.
1.4.16	Appeals	The cost of an appeal under Rule 1.4.14 shall be as determined by FV from time to time and may be higher than standard Tribunal Request Fee referred to in the GDT
2.3	Gender Rules	Females are permitted to Play in JBNPL Competition Fixtures up to and including Under JBNPL, provided always that the Club must seek prior dispensation from FV following the process outlined in the FV Dispensation Policy.
3.4 VPLM 1	Change of Marshal Requirements	The minimum number of Ground Marshals is increasing from 4 to 6 Ground Marshals for Competition Fixtures.
3.4 VPLM 2	Change of Marshal Requirements	The minimum number of Ground Marshals is increasing from 4 to 6 Ground Marshals for Competition Fixtures.
3.5.1 (b)	Addition of Rule -	The Home and Alternate strips for each club must be contrasting colours and be completely distinguishable from one another.
3.9.2	Clarification of Lighting Requirements	A table of Lux and Uniformity requirements have been added to the lighting section of the Rules.
4.2.3 (b)	Replay of Fixtures	The Competition Fixture to be replayed in full.
5.1	Referee Fees updated	The Referee Fees have been updated for the 2024 season.
6.1.1	Registration Process for A League Players	A Player registered as a Professional in the A-League Competition may re-register as an Amateur immediately after their last Match as a Professional on the condition that the playing contract with their associated A-League club has ended.



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6.1.2	Registration Process for A League Players	Clause 6.1.1 is an exception the 30-day stand-down period set out in clause 3.3(a) of the National Registrations Regulations.
6.2.4	Players Playing up from Under 23 into Senior Squads	Players who register to the Under 23s will only be permitted to play up into seniors if they register prior to the close of the first professional registration window. Under 23 players who register after the first windows deadline day will be ineligible to play up into the senior squad until the second professional window opens.
6.2.7 2023 Rules of Competition Men & Boys	Removal of Rule	The Player Points Cap for all NPL Senior Teams may be published on the FV website at the absolute discretion of FV.
10.1.6	VPLM Grouping Fixtures	VPLM Senior and Under 23s Competition Fixtures to be fixtured at a default grouping to play on the same day at the same venue, unless otherwise determined by FV.
10.1.7	VPLM Fixtures on Public Holidays	VPLM fixtures may only be played on public holidays with the prior permission of FV.
10.5.2	FV Emerging not Subject to Relegation	Should FV Emerging finish 11th or 12th they will not be subject to relegation.
10.10.6	Removal of Rule	There will be stoppage time added in Under 23 and Under 20 fixtures for 2024.
10.5.6 NPL 2	Removal of Playoffs	There will no longer be playoffs between NPLM and VPLM 1
10.6.6 NPL 2	Removal of Playoffs	There will no longer be playoffs between VPLM 1 and VPLM 2
10.10.8	Under 23's and Under 20's Finals Removal	There will no longer be Finals for the Under 23's and Under 20's competitions.
10.11.1	Promotion and Relegation NST Implications	FV reserves the right in its absolute discretion to amend the structure of Advanced Competitions, including the number of Clubs in each Division, before, during or after the Regular Season, as a result of FA actions, including the establishment of any new or varied FA auspiced Leagues or Divisions (including a National Second Tier), or compulsory Player pathways.
10.11.2	Promotion and Relegation NST Implications	In the event the National Second Tier commences in 2025, the following promotion and relegation provisions may apply;

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		<p>(a) NST Clubs may be removed from the NPLM or VPLM1 competition for the 2025 Season and may be offered a licence to compete in VPLM2 in the 2025 Season.</p> <p>(b) NST Clubs competing in VPLM2 in the 2024 Season may be offered a licence to continue to compete in VPLM2 in the 2025 Season.</p> <p>(c) The Club finishing in the bottom position on the ladder at the end of the NPLM Senior Regular Season (not including NST Clubs) may be relegated in the 2025 Season.</p> <p>(d) The Club finishing in the bottom position on the ladder at the end of the VPLM1 Senior Regular Season (not including NST Clubs) may be relegated in the 2025 Season.</p> <p>(e) The Clubs finishing in the bottom two places on the ladder at the end of VPLM2 Senior Regular Season (not including NST Clubs) may be relegated in the 2025 Season.</p> <p>(f) Promotion from VPLM1 and VPLM2 to be determined by reference to the vacancies created by the provisions in (a) – (e) and competition ladder standings at the end of the Season.</p>
10.12.4	JGNPL Finals Removal	There will no longer be finals for JGNPL.
10.15.4	No Dispensations for JBNPL Under 18	There will be no dispensations provided to JBNPL Under 18 players.
10.16.3	NPLM Fixture Times	Saturday or Sunday Competition Fixtures may not kick off earlier than 11.00am (NPL Under 23s) or 1.00pm (NPL Senior Team), unless either Competition Fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3.
10.17.3	NPLW Fixture Times	Saturday or Sunday Competition Fixtures may not kick off earlier than 11.00am (NPLW Under 20s) or 1.00pm (NPLW Senior Team), unless either Competition Fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3.
11.2.4	Confirmation of Match Ball Type	The Mitre Ball Model has been provided to clubs to ensure that there is compliance with
11.5.2	Recording of Matches	All JBNPL and JGNPL Competition Fixtures must be recorded
12.1.1 (b)	Accreditation Passes for NPLW	NPL Women’s Seniors and Under 20s will be provided with 63 Admittance Passes for season 2023.



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13.2.3 JBNPL	Removal of JBNPL Golden Boot	There will no longer be leading goal scorer award in the JBNPL.
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