



FOOTBALL
**NORTHERN
TERRITORY**



**AUSTRALIA
CUP**

AUSTRALIA CUP SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

2024 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Football Northern Territory

1. Scope and application

- a) All clubs participating in the Australia Cup are bound by the Australia Cup 2024 Competition Regulations as promulgated by Football Australia (FA) from time to time.
- b) These Supplementary Competition Regulations – Preliminary Rounds (Regulations) applies to all Australia Cup Preliminary Round matches administered by Football NT (FNT) and may be amended by FNT at anytime.
- c) To the extent there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the Australia Cup 2024 Competition Regulations, the latter shall prevail; unless otherwise stated.
- d) Terms defined in the Australia Cup 2024 Competition Regulations and FNT Rules of Competition will have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.

2. Control of competitions

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds by FNT are vested in the Executive subject to any resolution by the Board to the contrary.

3. Consequences for breach

- a) Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may result in a fine issued by FNT or other sanction pursuant to the FNT Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

4. Outstanding debts

- a) Treatment of outstanding debts will be as per the FNT By-laws.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, failure to comply with outstanding debts in accordance with the FNT By-Laws may result in ineligibility to participate in Australia Cup matches or forfeiture of completed Australia Cup matches.
- c) This article applies to all Australia Cup matches conducted by FNT.

5. Special consideration

- a) The Executive will have the power to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game.
- b) The decision by the Executive to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

6. Disciplinary sanctions and proceedings

- a) All clubs, players, team officials, match officials, spectators, or any person participating in any manner at an Australia Cup match during the Preliminary Rounds, or any associated event, will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations and the Australia Cup Competition Regulations, as applicable.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee will be convened by the Competitions Administrator where required in accordance with the FNT Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

7. Unforeseeable circumstance

- a) Nothing in these Regulations will prevent the Board from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations.

8. Cup format and information

- a) Northern Zone clubs that win the championship and premiership in the previous year of the competition will seed directly to next round.
 - i. Southern Zone clubs will go into the same draw.
- b) FNT may amend the seeding of any club within the draw as it deems necessary.
- c) All round winners will proceed to the next round.
- d) Where required, a BYE round will fill any vacant slots in the draw process.
- e) FNT may alter fixture kickoff times and dates as it deems necessary.
- f) A random draw is done at the start of the initial round for all the rounds in a format prepared by FNT.

9. Registration fees

- a) The registration fee for the preliminary rounds is \$395.
- b) This prescribed condition is controlled by the Australia Cup Supplementary Regulations – Preliminary Rounds.

10. Delayed, postponed or abandoned matches

- a) If an Australia Cup match is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either club (including its players and officials) at or after sixty (60) minutes of the regular period being played and where, at the time of the Australia Cup match being abandoned, the scores are not level, the result at the time of abandonment will be declared the final result.
- b) If an Australia Cup match is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either club (including its players and officials) either:
 - I. at the time of the Australia Cup match being abandoned, the scores are level; or
 - II. prior to sixty (60) minutes of the regular period having been played,

the Australia Cup match must be rescheduled by FNT.
- c) Rescheduling will require the Australia Cup match to either restart from the beginning or recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted (to be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of FNT). The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the Australia Cup match:
 - I. The match will recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the Australia Cup Match was initially postponed unless a player has received a suspension in matches conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match.
 - II. Should a player have received a suspension in a match conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match, that player:
 - a. Will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled match
 - b. Will not be able to count the match as a stand down in relation to any fixture suspension
 - c. The club will not be permitted to replace the player on the team sheet
 - d. If the player was on the field of play at the time of the postponement the player may be replaced by a substitute listed on the team sheet as long as the team has available substitutions as per the Regulations
 - e. If the player was a substitute the number of available players to substitute will decrease as the player cannot be replaced

- III. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet
 - IV. The Teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was postponed
 - V. Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced.
 - VI. FNT will endeavor to appoint the same match officials to the completion of the match, however, may appoint replacements should any or all of the match officials be unavailable.
 - VII. 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.
 - VIII. Should a match be abandoned due to the fault of one (1) Team, or should it be determined by FNT 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.
 - IX. Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the match was actually postponed, FNT will treat the match as postponed.
- d) This prescribed condition is controlled by the Australia Cup Supplementary Regulations – Preliminary Rounds.

11. Number of team officials

- a) A team may have a maximum of four (4) team officials per match.
- b) One of these team officials must be a nominated sport trainer.
- c) Team officials must be registered in line with clause (insert rules of competition 2024 regs number) of the FNT rules of competition for 2024.
- d) This prescribed condition is controlled by the Australia Cup Supplementary Regulations – Preliminary Rounds.

12. Technical area

- a) For preliminary round matches, a maximum of ten (10) persons are permitted to occupy the technical area for each club during an Australia Cup match. This includes up to six (6) named substitutes as prescribed in clause 16(a) and up to four (4) registered team officials as per supplementary regulation 3.
- b) This prescribed condition is controlled by the Australia Cup Supplementary Regulations – Preliminary Rounds.

13. Disciplinary rules

- a) For the Australia Cup – Preliminary Rounds, sanctions will apply as per the FNT Disciplinary Regulations Table of Offences.
- b) This prescribed condition is controlled by the Australia Cup Supplementary Regulations – Preliminary Rounds.

14. Ticketing

- a) Ticket pricing for the Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds shall not exceed the following:

	Adult	Student or Concession	Child Under 14
All matches	\$8	\$5	Free

- b) FNT and FA’s conditions of entry to venues apply to all matches in the Preliminary Rounds.
- c) This prescribed condition is controlled by the Australia Cup Supplementary Regulations – Preliminary Rounds.

15. Medical

- a) As per supplementary regulation 11(b), a team must have a qualified sports trainer listed as one of the team officials.
- b) This prescribed condition is controlled by the Australia Cup Supplementary Regulations – Preliminary Rounds.

16. Match official appointments

- a) The appointment of all match officials will be made by FNT, who may use such other people as deemed necessary to assist in the carrying out of this responsibility.

17. Referee fees

- a) FNT is responsible for the payment of match official fees in accordance with the match official fees determined by FNT.