



FOOTBALL  
**NORTHERN  
TERRITORY**



**AUSTRALIA  
CUP**

AUSTRALIA CUP SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

2023 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

**Football Northern Territory**

## CHAPTER 1: AUSTRALIA CUP ADMISSION

### **1. Scope and Application**

- a) All Clubs participating in the Australia Cup are bound by the Australia Cup Competition Regulations as promulgated by Football Australia (FA) from time to time.
- b) These Supplementary Competition Regulations (Regulations) shall apply to all Australia Cup Preliminary Round matches administered by Football NT (FNT) and may be amended by FNT at any time.
- c) To the extent there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the Australia Cup Competition Regulations, the latter shall prevail.
- d) Terms defined in the Australia Cup Competition Regulations and FNT Rules of Competition shall 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 Manager in accordance with the Australia Cup Competition Regulations as applicable.

## **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 all 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.

## CHAPTER 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

### 1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the Australia Cup Competition Regulations and these Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FA and FNT By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA/IFAB laws of the game 2022/23.

### 2. Match Balls

- a) All the match balls for Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds will be provided by FNT as required.

### 3. Duration of Match

- a) Each Australia Cup Match must consist of two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes to total a “full” regular period Australia Cup Match time of ninety (90) minutes, excluding any injury time played as determined by the referee.
- b) The half-time break for each Australia Cup Match will be fifteen (15) minutes.

### 4. Extra Time and Penalties

- a) If at the conclusion of the regular period in any Australia Cup Match (including injury time), the scores between the two (2) clubs are tied, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes will be played. The conditions of Law 8 of the FIFA/IFAB Laws of the Game will apply.

### 5. Substitution Rules

- a) For Preliminary Round Matches, a Club may select up to five (5) players as substitutes including at least one (1) nominated goalkeeper.
- b) A maximum of five (5) Players (including a goalkeeper) may be replaced at one (1) of three (3) permitted substitution opportunities to make a substitution during a match, up until the conclusion of normal playing time, time lost or extra time if played.

- c) One (1) additional player (outfield player or goalkeeper) may be replaced, and each team will have one (1) additional substitution opportunity during extra time of a match up until the conclusion of extra time. The replacement player must be one of the substitutes selected on the starting list.
- d) A substitution can be made upon a Match Official being notified. A substitute player must only enter the field of play:
  - I. after the player being replaced has left the field of play
  - II. after he receives a signal from the referee; and
  - III. at the half-way line and during a stoppage in the Australia Cup Match
- e) The player leaving the field must leave the field at the nearest point on the boundary line, unless otherwise directed by the referee.

## **6. Colours**

- a) Where colours clash in the opinion of the referee, the Away team must change.
- b) The Away team is the second team indicated in the draw unless otherwise advised by FNT.
- c) All teams must wear numbered strips with no duplication of numbers.
- d) All teams must have with them at each match a complete set of official and reserve playing strips.

## **7. Postponed Matches and Fixtures**

- 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,
  
- c) The Australia Cup Match must be rescheduled by FNT. Such 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.

## **8. Forfeits**

- a) Should an Australia Cup Match not commence within 10 minutes of the start time in the match schedule or amended by FNT, the Australia Cup Match will be forfeited by the team that has caused the delay to the start of the Australia Cup Match.
- b) Forfeits prior to the scheduled match day will result in a fine of \$500.
- c) Forfeits on the day of the scheduled match or without notice will result in a fine of \$500 per forfeited match plus relevant match official's fees.

## CHAPTER 3: ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINARY

### 1. Player Eligibility

a) Eligible Players:

- I. An eligible Player is one who has completed an online registration through Play Football System direct with FNT.
- II. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in the Australia Cup and can only represent the Club to which he is currently registered.

b) Ineligible Players:

An Ineligible Players is:

- I. Unregistered Players.
  - II. Suspended Players.
  - III. Football NT may decide, in its absolute discretion, whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandon, cancelled or forfeited Match and any such decision is final and not subject to any challenge or appeal.
  - IV. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the day/s prior to an Australia Cup Match but after the regular Disciplinary Committee hearing date.
  - V. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Australia Cup Match but played early in the day.
  - VI. A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the Australia Cup Competition Regulations, these Regulations and/or FNT Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- c) Any Team that fields an ineligible Player will automatically lose that Australia Cup Match on forfeit and be fined \$250.
- d) Additionally, the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may further sanction in accordance with the Australia Cup Competition Regulations, these Regulations and/or FNT Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- e) For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any Australia Cup Match.



## 2. Maximum Player Rosters

- a) All Clubs participating in the FNT Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds must allocate players to FNT Australia Cup team on Play Football no less than 48 hours prior to the day scheduled for the Club's FNT Australia Cup Match. It is up to the club to provide the FNT allocated team sheet to match officials and FNT operational staff when required.
- b) Contained in the table are the maximum players permissible for registration in the Preliminary Rounds of the Australia Cup:

Squad Total	Team Sheet
Maximum of 25 players	16 players on the team sheet per match in accordance with Chapter 4 (1)(c)

- c) A Club may add players to the squad total however a Club may not remove a player from the submitted squad total.

## 3. Disciplinary Matters

- a) Yellow Cards:
- I. For the Preliminary Rounds, three (3) yellow cards equate to a one match suspension. Suspensions incurred due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards from the Preliminary Rounds will apply to the next Australia Cup Match in which the suspended Player's Club competes in.
  - II. If a Club is eliminated from the Australia Cup and a player has received his third yellow card in the match that the Club was eliminated, the suspension will apply for the players next Australia Cup Match in which the player competes in. Yellow Card suspensions are Australia Cup specific and are required to be served in the Australia Cup.
- b) Red Cards:
- I. For the Preliminary Rounds, the Minimum Sanctions set out in the Table of Offences (as outlined in Schedule A of the Australia Cup Regulations) must be applied by FNT to Red Card Offences and to Expulsion Offences.
  - II. Red Card suspensions incurred in an Australia Cup Match are to be served in the Club's next competitive fixture(s) Red Card suspensions incurred in a Local Competition fixture will apply to the next Match in which the suspended player's club competes in, including the Australia Cup.

## CHAPTER 4: TEAM SHEETS, RESULTS, MATCH

### 1. Team Sheets

- a) Official Australia Cup team sheets must be used for all Australia Cup Matches. Team sheet must be completed by both teams and handed to the Referee 20minutes prior to commencement of Australia Cup Match. It shall be the responsibility of the first team mentioned in the draw to supply the team sheet.
- b) Each player's name & FFA Number is to be printed on the team sheet corresponding with the number on the playing strip.
- c) A maximum of sixteen (16) Players only may be listed on the team sheet.
- d) Failure to comply with any section of this regulation may result in a fine of \$100.

### 2. Results of Matches

- a) For all Australia Cup Matches FNT will enter the results into SportsTG.

### 3. Match Official Appointments

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

### 4. Referee Fees

- a) FNT is responsible for the payment of Match Official Fees in accordance with the Match Official Fees determined by FNT.

### 5. Admittance to Preliminary Round Fixtures

- a) Admittance prices for the Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds shall be up to the following maximums:

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Student or Concession</b>	<b>Child Under 14</b>
All Matches	\$8	\$5	Free

- b) FNT and FA's conditions of entry to venues apply to all matches in the Preliminary Rounds.