



National Premier League 2015 Rules of Competition

Match Officials should make themselves aware of the following regulations relative to match officials.

Technical Area

Each club must have Technical Areas clearly marked as stipulated by FIFA guidelines and provide sufficient seating to allow all personnel to be seated during the match.

The technical area should be clearly marked out, extending no further than one (1) meter on either side (left and right) of the designated seating area (extra seats should be available for use in addition to permanent seating if necessary) and extends forward up to a distance of one (1) meter from the touch line.

For all matches played during the regular season and Finals Series, a maximum of ten (10) persons are permitted to occupy the technical area for each club during any fixture. This includes the five (5) named substitutes and up to five (5) registered Team Officials. Injured players are **not** to occupy the technical area, only players listed on the team sheet participating in the match and only the Team Officials wearing appropriate accreditation are permitted.

Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions to the players during the match and he must return to his position after giving these instructions. All occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner. The referee has the right to eject any person from the technical area at any time as he/she sees fit.

Ground Officials

It is the responsibility of the home club to provide a minimum of two (2) Ground Officials on each field in clearly identifiable uniforms for all PS4 National Premier Leagues matches.

Ground Officials are to identify themselves to match officials prior to the match, be visible at all times and one (1) must be designated to provide an escort to all match officials before kick-off, at half time and full time from the Referee room to the field and return.

Player Equipment

It is the match referee's responsibility to ensure all players taking the field of play are wearing equipment that is safe to themselves and other persons. All players must abide by the Laws of the Game in relation to wearing of shin pads, undergarments, undershorts and tape on socks. In accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game', a player is forbidden to wear any jewellery.

Undergarments – Thermal or otherwise

In order to avoid any doubt with undergarments, Referees are to make sure they use the following guideline on Undergarments – thermal or otherwise. FIFA Laws of the Game – Law 4 – Players Equipment states that:
'Shorts' – If undershorts or full length undergarments are worn, they must be the same main colour of the shorts.
'Jersey or shirt' – If undergarments are worn, the colour of the sleeves must be the same main colour as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt.

Players must not reveal undergarments showing slogans or advertising.

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Substitution of Players

For all Senior Men's, Open Women's and Youth Men's PS4 National Premier Leagues matches each team can make up to three (3) substitutions (including a goalkeeper), with no more than five (5) substitutes listed on the team sheet. Only players' names listed on the team sheet are permitted to take part in the match.

Player Eligibility – Senior Men's / Open Women's

In the Senior Men's PS4 NPL Competition, a maximum of five (5) players, over the age of twenty (20) years may play down into the Youth Men's competition, provided they are registered with that club. In the Open Women's PS4 NPL Competition, a maximum of two (2) players, over the age of twenty (20) years may play down into the Youth Women's Competition, provided they are registered with that club.

Weather Problems

Normal procedures of localised inspections will apply if there is any doubt about playing a game due to weather. This will only differ if there is travel involved either for a team, a referee or both. The local home club will advise Football Queensland as early as possible if there is any doubt. They will arrange a pitch inspection and a decision will be made hopefully before flights are boarded.

If high temperatures occur on match day, the Match Referee, Match Commissioner or Football Queensland delegate may determine;

- (a) To play the match under standard conditions;
- (b) To play the match with provision for extra breaks for consumption of fluid, or
- (c) To delay or postpone the match.

The decision to invoke these provisions should be based primarily on an assessment of the potential medical risk of playing in the heat to both Players and Match Officials.

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