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## 1. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

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### 1. General Information

- 1.1.1 All Clubs participating in the Julie Porter Cup (**JPC**) are bound by Football South Coast's (**FSC**) Women's Premiership Rules and Regulations (**WPRR**) as disseminated by FSC from time to time.
- 1.1.2 These Regulations shall apply to all JPC fixtures as administered by FSC and may be amended by Football South Coast at any time.
- 1.1.3 Terms defined in the WPRR shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 1.1.4 All Women's Premier League participating Clubs are required to participate in the JPC.
- 1.1.5 This is currently a First-Grade tournament only.
- 1.1.6 Given there are six (6) WPL clubs, there will be two groups of three (3).
  - a. Groups are seeded based on their First Grade (FG) finish from the prior season.
  - b. Positions one, three and five will be in Group 1 and positions two, four and six will make up Group 2.
- 1.1.7 Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- 1.1.8 Should there be a tie at the conclusion of group games, the following will determine final places:
  - a. The head-to-head result between the two sides
  - b. Goal difference aggregate
  - c. Goals scored.
  - d. If still tied, the team who scored first in the fixture between the two sides.
  - e. If that fixture was scoreless and all other criteria were equal, the team that finished higher on the ladder last season would top the group.
- 1.1.9 FSC may amend the seeding within the JPC competition as it deems necessary.
- 1.1.10 FSC may alter the JPC format outlined in 1.1.6 and 1.1.8 at its discretion.
- 1.1.11 FSC may alter fixture kick off times, dates, and venues as it deems necessary and at its sole discretion.

## **2. Player Eligibility**

- 1.2.1 All players must be registered and eligible to play for a participating club in accordance with the current FSC Registration Policy. All players must be approved/active in registration portal.
- 1.2.2 Players in the JPC are "Cup-Tied", specifically:
  - a. A player may only play for one Club during the JPC in any given year.
  - b. Any player who has played for a Club at any stage of the JPC is "tied" to that Club for all future JPC fixtures in the current season.
  - c. To avoid doubt, if a player has played for a Team in any Round of the JPC and subsequently transfers or moves to a new Club or Team, that player is no longer eligible to play in a JPC fixture either for the previous Club or the new Club.

## **2. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS**

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### **1. Substitutions**

- 2.1.1 A maximum of seventeen (17) players may be named on the Team Sheet for the Cup competition however one of those must be a substitute goalkeeper.
- 2.1.2 Interchange rules apply. Unlimited substitutions.

### **2. Ground Officials**

- 2.2.1 Each Club must provide the number of marshals (Ground Officials) as directed by FSC.
- 2.2.2 Ground Officials must:
  - a. Be at least 18 years of age and be listed on the official team sheet/list.
  - b. Be in a clearly identifiable uniform.
  - c. Be always visible from the field of play.
  - d. Escort the Match Official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the fixture, at half time and at full time, and
  - e. Where required, assist the Match Official(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all players, club officials and spectators.
- 2.2.3 A minimum of two (2) Ground Officials are required from both the Home and Away Clubs for all fixtures up to and including the Finals.
- 2.2.4 FSC may vary the minimum Ground Official requirements for an JPC Round at any time at its discretion.

### **3. Players Strip**

- 2.3.1 Teams are required to conform to the following playing strip guidelines.
- a. The 'home' Club is the first named Club in the fixture for the purposes of strip allocation for a fixture, irrespective where the fixture is played. This includes the goalkeeper kits (i.e., lime/fluro for home and orange away).
  - b. The home Club in each JPC fixture is required to wear their nominated 'home' playing strip as prescribed in the club's application, unless otherwise instructed by FSC.
  - c. In the instance of a strip clash between the home and away team as determined by the Match Official, the away team is required to provide their alternate playing strip.
  - d. A Club may be penalised, and a forfeit win awarded to the non-offending Team if a JPC fixture does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that such Club or Team did not comply with Rule 2.3.1.c.

There can be no clashes with the playing shirt and socks. Playing shorts may be the same or similar colours.

### **4. Match Balls**

- 2.4.1 The home Club shall provide the appointed Match Official with three (3) Official Match balls (size 5) no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled fixture.
- 2.4.2 In the event the fixture is played at a neutral venue, the responsibility of providing Match balls falls to the first listed Club of the fixture.
- 2.4.3 For the JPC Final, FSC will supply the Official Match balls for the fixture.
- 2.4.4 All Clubs must use the current official Match ball as distributed by FSC.
- 2.4.5 A failure to comply with Regulation 2.4 will result in \$50.00 fine.

### **5. Match Duration**

- 2.5.1 Each JPC match must consist of two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes to total a 'full' regular period JPC Match time of ninety (90) minutes, excluding any injury time played as determined by the Match Official.
- 2.5.2 In the group fixtures, there is no extra time periods. The result is at 90 minutes.
- 2.5.3 For the Semi Finals and Final, drawn matches will go straight to penalties to determine the winner.

## **6. Hosting of JPC Fixtures**

- 2.6.1 The Club drawn and named first on the published fixtures (First Grade) will be the Home nominated Club.
- 2.6.2 Each Round will have a designated fixture date: FSC to provide this with the Draft playing calendar. The rounds are subject to change should wet weather impact the schedule.
- 2.6.3 Where games have been washed out, the fixture will need to be played midweek at the earliest possible time.
- 2.6.4 The two lower grades will play as trial matches and will follow the First Grade team right through to the Semi Finals.
- 2.6.5 Kick off times f(unless otherwise approved) will be:
  - a. 11.00am Youth Grade
  - b. 1.00pm Second Grade
  - c. 3.00pm – Juli Porter Cup (First Grade)
- 2.6.6 FSC may alter kick off times as outlined in Regulations 2.6.5 as it deems necessary.
- 2.6.7 The hosting Club is also required to provide:
  - a. A minimum of two (2) ball persons for all fixtures at the venue.
  - b. A fully functional defibrillator
  - c. A canteen with hot/cold beverages and a variety of food

### 3. FIXTURE DETAILS

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#### 3.1 Match Official Fees

3.1.1 JPC Match Official Fees are as per table below (subject to change at any time):

a. Juli Porter Cup

	<b>Referee</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 1</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 2</b>
Group games and Semis	\$110	\$60	\$60
Final	FSC to cover Match Official Fees		

b. Trial Matches

	<b>Referee</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 1</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 2</b>
Youth Grade	\$49	\$25	\$25
Second Grade	\$56	\$31	\$31

3.1.2 The referee fees for the JPC will be split across the two clubs. FSC will pay the referees and invoice the clubs respectively.

3.1.3 The lower grade games are considered trial matches and referees should be paid cash on the day.

## 4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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FSC's Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations (**FSC DDR**) will apply to all JPC matches in respect to Red Cards, Yellow Cards, and Misconduct matters or otherwise where a player or Club commits a breach of BBYC Regulations.

### 4.1 Yellow Cards

- 4.1.1 Yellow Cards in JPC will not carry over or accumulate into other FSC competitions.
- 4.1.2 Players cannot serve league accumulated cautions in the JPC competition.
- 4.1.2 A player who receives two (2) Yellow Cards in the JPC Competition will be suspended from the next JPC fixture for which they are eligible to play. If the team is knocked out of the competition, no further sanctions will apply.

### 4.2 Red Cards

- 4.2.1 All Red Cards (other than R4, R5 and R7 offences) incurred in this competition will be referred to the Match Review Committee. Red cards will be managed as per the FSC DDR.
- 4.2.2 Any players sent off in the JPC will be required to be stood down for the next competition fixture. These sanctions will carry over to Women's Premiership fixtures.