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1. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1. General Information

- 1.1.1 All Clubs participating in the Julie Porter Cup (**JPC**) and Women's Youth Cup (**WYC**) 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 and WYC 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.
 - a. All Women's Premier League participating Clubs are required to participate in the JPC and WYC
 - b. FSC may at its discretion invite other team(s) from Division 1 to fill any vacancies.
- 1.1.4 The all age (JPC) and the (WYC) will be separate tournaments.
- 1.1.5 Where possible, two pools will be formed with seeds.
 - c. Groups are seeded based on their First Grade (FG) finish from the prior season.
 - d. Seed pots will be used to determine the pools.
- 1.1.6 Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- 1.1.7 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.
- 1.1.8 FSC may amend the seeding within the JPC competition as it deems necessary.
- 1.1.9 FSC may alter the JPC format outlined in 1.1.5 and 1.1.6 at its discretion.
- 1.1.10 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 and WYC are "Cup-Tied", specifically:
 - a. A player may only play for one Club during the JPC and/or WYC in any given year.
 - b. Any player who has played for a Club at any stage of the JPC or WYC is "tied" to that Club for all future Cup fixtures in the current season.
 - c. To avoid doubt, if a player has played for a Team in any Round of the JPC or WYC and subsequently transfers or moves to a new Club or Team, that player is no longer eligible to play in an further fixtures either for the previous Club or the new Club.

2. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

1. Substitutions

- 2.1.1 A maximum of seventeen (17) players may be named on the Team Sheet for both the JPC and WYC competitions 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 Cup 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 any Cup 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.
 - e. 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 Cup Finals, FSC will supply the Official Match balls for the fixtures.
- 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 Cup 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 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 fixtures will need to be played midweek at the earliest possible time.
- 2.6.4 Second Grade can be played as a trial match however, it must be played either before the WYC or after the JPC fixture right through to the Semi Finals.
- 2.6.5 Kick off times (unless otherwise approved) will be:
 - a. 11.00am Second Grade trial (optional)
 - b. 1.00pm Women's Youth Cup
 - c. 3.00pm – Julie 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

3.1 Match Official Fees

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

	Referee	Assistant Referee	Assistant Referee
		1	2
Julie Porter Cup	\$110	\$60	\$60
Women's Youth Cup	\$70	\$35	\$35
Final only	FSC to cover Match Official Fees		

3.1.2 For fairness, the referee fees for the Cup games will be split across the two clubs. FSC will pay the referees and invoice the clubs respectively.

3.1.3 The Second Grade game is considered a trial match (where played) and referees should be paid cash on the day.

3.2 Draw

Round 1 – Team 4 v Team 1 and Team 2 v Team 3

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Round 1 – Team 2 v Team 1 and Team 3 v Team 4

The team (First Grade) listed first will be designated host for that round. Clubs can reverse matches if agreed.

4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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

4.1 Yellow Cards

4.1.1 Yellow Cards in Cup matches 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 across these Cup Competitions will be suspended from the next Cup fixture in which they received their last YC. 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 Cup competition will be required to be stood down for the next competition fixture. These sanctions will carry over to Women's Premiership fixtures.