



MEMORANDUM

Reference: M25-16

To: All Clubs
From: Competition Manager
Date: 4 September 2026
Subject: Competition Rules - Suggestions
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Members,

The annual review of competition structures and competition rules has commenced. Member clubs are invited to submit suggestions for the following competitions which they participate in:

- FSC Competitions – (Junior, Men's and Women's)
- Men's and Women's Premier League

Action Required:

Club submissions are due by Friday 16th October.

Submission Templates

To assist clubs, two submission templates are available:

1. Use this template for broad concepts, structural change or new competition ideas. No drafting of competition regulations are required.

Competition	
Ideas / Structure	Rationale for Change

2. Use this template when proposing specific amendments to existing rules or adding new clauses.

Competition		
Rule Number	Clause(s)	Amendment
Rationale for Change		

Copy the relevant template(s) into a Word document

Complete the required information.

Submit the word document (PDFs not accepted) to the Competition Coordinator at the email above.

Review Process:

1. Friday 16th October 2026

Member Clubs submit proposed changes.

2. Friday 30th October

Councils review club submissions and either:

- Forward endorsed submission to FSC Competition Coordinators for their review, or
- Reject submissions and provide reasons which will sent to the Club concerned by the office in November.

3. Friday 30th October 2026

Councils may submit their own proposed changes to FSC Competition Committee for their review.
Competition Committee may submit proposed changes to Councils for review.

4. Friday 13th November 2026 - Draft Circulation and Feedback

A draft of the proposed changes will be sent to all clubs, council and competition committee with an opportunity for feedback only on these changes.

A club meeting may be held by a Council. – optional.

5. A final version of the competition rules for 2027 with changes goes to the FSC Board for approval.

Dates above are subject to change if Councils or Competition Committee require more time.

Examples Only

Method 1

Competition	FSC Competition - Masters
Ideas / Structure	Rationale for Change
e.g. Over 60 Competition	There is a demand for this age based competition ... etc.
Mini Roos 9 – 11 clubs nominate teams for two groups. Development, Social. No changes to groups.	Clubs have generally formed specific teams which focus on talented players participating together whilst remaining teams are formed by friendship groups or new players and prefer more relaxed environment. Benefit is that the draw can be done for whole season.

Method 2

Competition	Premier League	
Rule Number	Clause(s)	Amendment
e.g. 2.2	Insert New 2.2.1	<u>Second Grade</u> Where all competition games are completed and a team finishes the competition equal on points in any position on the table, the following criteria (in order) shall be used to determine the higher ranked team where required: - Greatest number of points obtained in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned. If still tied, then, - Greatest Goal Difference in Competition Matches between the teams concerned. If still tied, then, - Greatest number of goals scored For in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned. If still tied, then, - Least Goals Against from all Competition League Matches - If the above criteria is unable to separate the teams, a single playoff match at a neutral venue between the two teams shall take place with the winner finishing higher on the table.
Rationale for Change	Teams in Second Grade are not of similar abilities and where a team has several blow out scores (double digit) and may forfeit a game (3 – 0 recorded) then this may be construed as an unfair disadvantage to the team receiving a forfeit who is tied on points with a team receiving the double digit result whose goal difference is significantly advantaged.	