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# **2024 KAPPA PRO SERIES RULES OF COMPETITION**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

In 2024, Football Queensland (FQ) will run the Kappa Pro Series, alongside all FQ sanctioned and administered competitions. All Clubs participating in the Kappa Pro Series are bound and required to adhere to FQ's 2024 Advanced Rules of Competition as communicated by FQ. These Kappa Pro Series Supplementary Regulations shall apply to all Kappa Pro Series fixtures administered by FQ and may be amended by FQ at any time.

Entry into the Men's Competition is mandatory for all 12 NPL Men's clubs and all 12 FQPL 1 Men's clubs and all affiliated clubs are automatically entered into the draw.

Entry into the Women's Competition is mandatory for all 10 FQPL1 Women's clubs and all 10 FQPL2 Women's clubs and all affiliated clubs are automatically entered into the draw.

A combination of weekend and midweek matches will be played throughout the 2024 Season, per the Season Calendar and at FQ's sole and absolute discretion.

**NOTE:** For both weekend and midweek matches, if the designated home team is unable to host the match and is unable to provide an alternative venue, the match will be played at the ground of the away team. Alternatively, a neutral venue may be used.

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# **1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1.1 These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the Football Queensland 2024 Advanced Rules of Competition, relevant FQ Regulations, Policies and By Laws and FA's Statutes and Regulations (including National Disciplinary Regulations, National Registration Regulations and FQ Disciplinary Regulations). In the event of an omission or inconsistency between these Regulations and the 2024 Advanced Rules of Competition, Football Queensland will determine and rule on the interpretation.

# **2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Players are only eligible to play for one club/team during the Kappa Pro Series. In the event a player changes clubs, they will be cup-tied to their previous club. A player shall only be deemed to have played in a Cup match if he takes the field of play. Football Queensland reserves the right to determine the outcome in the event of any confusion or exceptional circumstances pertaining to a player's eligibility.
- 2.2 To be eligible to participate in the Kappa Pro Series, male players must be at least 16 years old in 2024, female players must be at least 15 years old in 2024, unless an application to Football Queensland is made by the player's club on behalf of the player and has been approved by FQ.
- 2.3 Clubs participating in the Kappa Pro Series Men (NPL and FQPL1 Men's clubs) must comply with the Player Points System.
- 2.4 All players participating in the Kappa Pro Series Men must have registered before or during the Men's Professional Transfer window (January 10 – February 6 2024).

# **3 SUBSTITUTION REGULATIONS**

- 3.1 The competition will be played under the Substitution Rule. Teams may only list a maximum of 17 players on the Squadi teamsheet.
- 3.2 Each team can make up to five (5) substitutions in any Cup match, with no more than six (6) substitutes listed on the Match Sheet (inclusive of the reserve Goalkeeper).
- 3.3 To reduce disruption, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game. Substitutions may also be made at half-time without it counting as one of the 3 opportunities.
- 3.4 In the Finals Series the following substitution rule will apply. Should the match proceed to extra time in the Finals Series (in conjunction with rule 6) teams are permitted to utilise one additional substitution opportunity (whether or not the

team has already used the full number of permitted substitutes or substitution opportunities).

## 4 MATCHDAY REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 There will be no extra time played in the pool stages of the Competition in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time.
- a. Games are to be 2 x 45-minute halves in conjunction with IFAB Laws of the Game.
  - b. After normal time in each half, the match official may add on Injury/Stoppage Time as they see fit/as is required.
- 4.2 A result must be obtained in the Semi Final and Final. In addition to rule 5, if the scores are equal at full time, then:
- a. 2 x 15-minute extra time periods will be played in full.
  - b. Should the scores remain even after extra time, penalty kicks in accordance with IFAB regulations will be taken to determine the winner.

## 5 MATCH BALLS

- 5.1 Clubs **must** use Mitre branded Match Balls for all fixtures in the Kappa Pro Series competition (minimum level of Mitre Delta match balls).

## 6 RESCHEDULING MATCHES

- 6.1 All matches that are called off due to adverse weather, will be automatically rescheduled by Football Queensland.
- a. Weekend Fixtures will be rescheduled to Tuesday.
  - b. Midweek fixtures will be rescheduled based on Regular Season NPL / FQPL 1 fixtures and venue availability.

## 7 DISCIPLINARY

- 7.1 A player who accumulates three (3) Yellow Cards in the Group Stages of the Kappa Pro Series, must serve a mandatory match suspension in one (1) fixture. Refer to section 10.5 Accumulation of Yellow Cards – Tournaments in the 2024 Disciplinary Regulations.

- 7.2 Yellow card Accumulation resets for finals, then 2 yellow cards result in a mandatory match suspension. Mandatory Match Suspensions incurred in the Group Stage are NOT however cancelled for Finals Series fixtures.
- 7.3 Yellow Cards received during a Kappa Pro Series that do not result in a Mandatory Match Suspension do not carry into the Premiership, Championship, Australia Cup, Cup, the next Tournament or any other matches or competitions.
- 7.4 Any player who incurs a red card suspension in the Kappa Pro Series will need to serve their suspension in the player's next competitive match in accordance with the FQ & FA Disciplinary Regulations.

## 8 REFEREE FEES

- 8.1 In the Pool stages of the Kappa Pro Series, where the level of the two competing teams is different, the referee fees for the highest competing team will apply.
- 8.2 Referee Fees in the Finals Series will be the same regardless of Competition
- 8.3 See the Match Officials Fees for the Kappa Pro Series below:

### Men:

| Round                           | Referee | Assistant Referee 1 | Assistant Referee 2 | 4 <sup>TH</sup> Official |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Pool stages (NPL vs. FQPL 1)    | \$220   | \$110               | \$110               |                          |
| Pool stages (FQPL 1 vs. FQPL 1) | \$190   | \$95                | \$95                |                          |
| SF                              | \$230   | \$115               | \$115               |                          |
| GF                              | \$250   | \$125               | \$125               | \$112.50                 |

### Women:

| Round                           | Referee | Assistant Referee 1 | Assistant Referee 2 | 4 <sup>TH</sup> Official |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Pool stages (FQPL 1 vs. FQPL 2) | \$170   | \$85                | \$85                |                          |
| Pool stages (FQPL 2 vs. FQPL 2) | \$140   | \$70                | \$70                |                          |
| SF                              | \$180   | \$90                | \$90                |                          |
| GF                              | \$195   | \$97.50             | \$97.50             | \$87.50                  |