



**FOOTBALL
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STRUCTURE DOCUMENT

2018 GIRLS CONFERENCE LEAGUE



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Overview

During 2017, FNSW conducted the 2018 Women's Football Review to make recommendations to the FNSW Board in consideration of women's and girl's competition structures. One of the review outcomes endorsed by the FNSW Board was the development of a Girls Conference League Competition format to underpin the National Premier Leagues Women's and National Premier League 2 Women's Competitions for Associations and Clubs. This structure document seeks to support the outcomes of the Women's Competition Review for the establishment of a Girls Conference League Competition. The 2018 Girls Conference League Competition will be administered by the FNSW Competitions Department, whilst the individual club administration will be conducted by the participating Associations/Clubs. The Associations/Clubs for the 2018 season are as follows:

2018 Girls Conference League	
Camden Tigers FC	Parramatta FC
Football South Coast	Rockdale City FC
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	Blacktown City FC
Pagewood Botany FC	Dunbar Rovers FC

Age Eligibility

Grades for 2018 will be U14, U15 and U17 Girls

Birthdate to qualify for the age grades will be:

- U14 – born on or after 1 January 2004
- U15 – born on or after 1 January 2003
- U17 – born on or after 1 January 2001

The requirement for U14, U15 and U17 players is that they shall turn age specified for the Competition, 1st January to the 31st December the current year.

As long as they are age eligible, players are permitted to play in any of the U14, U15, U17 age grades during the Premiership season.

Registrations

All players must be self-registered online using the National Online Registration system, MyFootballClub.

Player Eligibility

An eligible Player is one that meets all registration requirements within the 2018 Football NSW Competition Regulations. For clarity, A regional boundary restriction will not apply for the 2018 Girls Conference League.

Coaches Eligibility

Appointment of individual head coaches to all grades of the Girls Conference League is required.

Coaches are required to have a C Licence – Youth qualification to coach a Girls Conference League Team. If a coach does not have a C-Licence – Youth qualification, he/she will be required to enrol in a C Licence – Youth course to be completed prior to the commencement of 2018 Girls Conference League season or paid to be part of a C-Licence course that will be conducted during the 2018 season.

Players Per Squad

Permissible players per team for Girls Conference League, will remain aligned with National Premier Leagues Girls Youth and National Premier Leagues 2 Girls Youth Competitions:

Age Group	Field Players	Substitutes/ Interchange	Squad Totals
U14	11	5	16
U15	11	5	16
U17	11	5	16

2018 GIRLS CONFERENCE LEAGUE COMPETITION MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Trial Phase

The **trial phase** for the 2018 Girls Conference League Competition will be set during the following period:

Commencement: Sunday 19 November 2017

Conclusion: two (2) weeks prior to the competition commencing in 2018

Associations/Clubs are responsible for conducting trials for their respective programs within the prescribed trials dates.

Game Phase

The **game phase** for the 2018 Girls Conference League Competition will be set during the following period:

Commencement: Sunday 8 April 2018

Conclusion: Sunday 16 September 2018

Field Dimensions

The following table outlines the field dimensions for the 2018 Girls Conference League:

Category	U14, U15, U17
Field size	Length: 100m-110m
	Width: 64m-75m
Field markings	Line markings
Penalty area	Depth: 16.5m
	Width: 19.32m
Goal size	Height: 2.44m
	Width: 7.32m
Goal type	Permanent, Securely Fixed Goals

League Tables And Points

A League Table/Ladder will be maintained for all age groups through the Girls Conference League Competition.

There will be a Championship Series for the Girls Conference League, this is consistent with the 2018 NPL Girls Youth and NPL 2 Girls Youth

Match Officials

Match officials will be delegated by the Football NSW Referees Appointments Officer to the Association Referee Branches. Clubs will pay Match Officials on the day of the match(s)

Draft Match Schedule

The Competition format and the number of matches per season will be dependent on the number of teams that confirm participation in the 2018 Girls Conference League Competition. Possible options include but not limited to:

No. of Associations/Clubs	League Format	Times Played Each Team
8 Team Competitions	21 Rounds	3

2018 GIRLS CONFERENCE LEAGUE FINANCIAL MODEL

Registration Fee

FNSW has implemented a capped fee of \$1,200, this is a similar approach taken for youth and SAP Football administered by FNSW:

- FFA and FNSW Compulsory registration fees;
- Access to training and match facilities;
- Qualified coaching as defined within the Football NSW Competition Regulations
- Training and match apparel as defined in this document;
- Medical support, and;
- Any other administrative or coaching responsibility of the Association/Club as contained in the Football NSW Competition Regulations

Associations/Clubs will not be permitted to charge participants for any goods or service in the program beyond the capped fee.

Associations/Clubs will be permitted to offer a fee less than the cap, should their business model deliver a reduction of cost to the participant while maintaining the compulsory Football NSW and FFA Fees.

Example fee structure follows:

Fee Component	Value
FFA National Registration Fee	\$12.60
FNSW Registration (Including Accident Support)	\$50.66
Club Fee	\$1,136.74
Total	\$1,200 (inc GST)

Match Apparel

Match apparel is to be supplied by the Association/Club, and must include the following items at a minimum;

- Playing shirt x 1
- Playing short x 1
- Playing socks x 1
- Tracksuit (jacket and pants) x 1
- Training shirt x 1
- Training shorts x 1
- Training socks x 1
- Polo shirt x 1



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