

Draft Participation Criteria Northern Regional Football League



A. GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

1. Players and Match Officials

There shall be safe and unhindered access for players and officials between the pitch and the changing rooms. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

There shall be spectator barriers surrounding the pitch, not less than 2m from the sidelines and not less than 3m from the goal lines. *(Compulsory for all divisions. Rope barriers acceptable for Division 1, permanent or temporary continuous fencing or fixed pipe-rail are preferred for Premier Divisions, rope barriers are currently allowed but are not preferred for Premier Divisions.)*

There shall be benches or separate seating within each Technical Area for five substitutes and up to four team officials. *(Compulsory for all divisions. May be uncovered for Division 1, covering compulsory for Premier Divisions.)*

There shall be a seat between the Technical Areas provided for a fourth official. *(Compulsory for all divisions. May be uncovered for Division 1, covering compulsory for Premier Divisions.)*

Covered dugouts shall be of permanent construction or be of sturdy metal frames with covering attached. *(Compulsory for Premier Divisions)*

2. Pitch, Equipment and Markings

There shall be a high quality playing surface which may be a grass or an artificial surface approved by AFF for NRFL play. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

There shall be a maintenance programme in place to maintain the pitch to the required standard. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

Pitch dimensions shall be not more than 110m x 75m and not less than 100m x 60m. *(Compulsory for all divisions. Clubs may seek dispensation in exceptional circumstances for pitches outside these dimensions.)*

All white line markings to the pitch shall be to FIFA standards as set out in Laws of the Game, and shall include the proper marking of Technical Areas. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

Goalposts shall be provided that meet FIFA/NZF standards and meet all applicable safety standards. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

3. Changing Facilities

There shall be separate lockable changing rooms for the exclusive use of each team, with hot water showering facilities and separate cold water provision, available at the venue 60 minutes prior to kick off and for 45 minutes after each match. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

There shall be separate lockable changing rooms for the exclusive use of four match officials, with hot water showering facilities and separate cold water provision, available at the venue 60 minutes prior to kick off and for 45 minutes after each match. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

There shall be sound procedures for the locking of changing rooms, or a separate key for the use of each team and the match officials available for their possession for the duration of their use. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

4. Medical and Access

There shall be sound procedure to gain access to an adequately provisioned medical room. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

There shall be ready access to and sole use of a stretcher during a match. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

There shall be adequate unlocked and unblocked access to enable an ambulance to gain access to the ground and to the playing area. Where access is locked there shall be sound procedures for unlocking and providing access. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

5. Facilities

There shall be spectator seating (excluding the clubrooms) for 200 spectators covered or 300 spectators uncovered. *(Optional for all divisions)*

There shall be adequate public toilet facilities. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

There shall be public refreshment/canteen facilities. *(Compulsory for Premier Divisions, optional for Division 1)*

There shall be adequate car parking spaces provided at or within close walking distance of the ground. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

The ground shall be enclosed so that an entry fee may be charged. *(Optional for all divisions)*

There shall be a reliable PA system available for use with speakers so that public safety and information announcements can be made and clearly heard all around the ground. *(Compulsory for Premier Divisions, optional for Division 1)*

There shall be a scoreboard showing the match score and game time available and visible from most parts of the ground for public information. *(Optional for all divisions)*

There shall be separate, private and quiet facilities provided for the use of media, with telephone jackpoint for laptop/email connection. *(Optional for all divisions)*

There shall be clubrooms at the match venue or other approved facility in close proximity to host visiting teams, supporters and other spectators. *(Compulsory for all divisions)*

B. OTHER PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

To be confirmed