

GROUND AND VENUE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

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SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATION, SCOPE AND BREACH

1. Scope and Application

- a) These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions (the Competitions) unless stated otherwise:
 - i. PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues (Men's and Women)
 - ii. Men's State League 1 and 2;
 - iii. Women's State League;
 - iv. Community and Junior Competitions;
 - v. Cup Competitions;
 - vi. Any other competition under the auspices of FFSA.

Reference to a Club also refers to clubs that participate in Affiliated Association competitions.

2. Venue Non-Compliance

Where a venue does not meet the criteria as outlined in the Competition Minimum Requirements or Competition Rules and Regulations or where a Club does not complete a schedule of work within the timeframe specified to bring the venue up to the required criteria, FFSA will implement one or more of the following:

- a) The Club will nominate an alternative venue that does meet the criteria; or
- b) All or part of the Club's matches will be played at the opponents venue where available; or
- c) FFSA will nominate an alternative venue for the Club's matches; or
- d) The Club may be removed from the competition and placed, where possible, in a competition where their venue meets the required criteria.

3. Exemption

- a) FFSA may grant an exemption to a Club in the process of upgrading their facility that currently does not meet the required venue criteria. If an exemption is provided it will be for no longer than one (1) season.
- b) To request an exemption, a club is required to complete the Venue Exemption Form and submit it to FFSA prior to the generation of fixtures, for that season.
- c) Should the required upgrades not be completed within the stipulated timeframe, one or more of the following may be undertaken;
 - I. The Club will nominate a venue that does meet the criteria; or
 - II. FFSA will nominate an alternative venue for the Club's matches; or
 - III. The Club may be removed from the competition and placed, where possible, in a competition where their venue meets the criteria.
- d) FFSA may permit the temporary use of a non-compliant venue in order to complete fixtures in a timely manner. Such action may be undertaken where the scheduling of games is not possible at a compliant venue for reasons out of the control of the club, such as extreme weather conditions. Any such decision is at the soul and absolute discretion of FFSA.

4. Venue Inspection

From time to time FFSA may undertake a venue inspection on any club affiliated to FFSA to ensure the venue meets competition requirements. FFSA will provide a report on completion of the inspection including outlining any upgrades the club is required to complete to ensure the venue is compliant.

SECTION 2: ACCESS, SAFETY AND SECURITY

1. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual Club to ensure the safety and security of all individuals participating in, officiating, working or otherwise attending matches at the Club's nominated venue.

2. Enclosed Venues

Clubs that participate in the PlayStation 4 Men's and Women's National Premier League and State League 1 must have an enclosed venue.

The fence surrounding the venue must be a minimum 1.8 metres in height and constructed of solid materials without gaps or faults that could provide unauthorised entry or could cause injury.

3. Prohibited Items and Terms of Admission

- a) All Clubs are required to comply with the FFA National Club Identity Policy, including but not limited to their name and logo.
- b) Clubs, Officials, Spectators and/or Players are prohibited from using or displaying any of the following items at a venue:
 - i. National Flags other than the Australian Flag;
 - ii. Emblems or symbols which promote a political objective or movement;
 - iii. Any image, slogan or message of a political nature;
 - iv. Anything of any nature that does not positively reflect the image of the Club, Association, FFSA or the game in general.
- c) The following items are prohibited at all venues:
 - i. Flares;
 - ii. Fireworks;
 - iii. Other flammable objects;
 - iv. Loudhailers;
 - v. Instruments prohibited by law;
 - vi. Anything of any nature that does not positively reflect the image of the Club, Association, FFSA or the game in general.
- d) In relation to clause 3 c) i iii, should a person associated with a club be found to have breached this clause, the following penalties will be imposed;
 - I. First offence A Level 4 Fine
 - II. Second offence in the same calendar year referred to FFSA Disciplinary Committee.

(Fines are outlined in the FFSA Competition Operating Regulations)

- e) It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that its supporters (at both home and away matches) are aware of the Prohibited Items and reasonable steps are taken to prohibit any such items from coming into a venue. Terms of admission should be displayed at entry areas of all clubs.
- f) FFSA or any FFSA appointed official or club official may request the immediate removal of any Prohibited Item.
- g) All venues are required display the Terms of Admission and Spectator Code of Conduct.
- h) Failure of Individuals, Clubs and associations to comply with the Prohibited Items and Terms of Admission requirement may result in further action being taken by FFSA.

4. Emergency Exit Plan

All venues that are enclosed must have an Emergency Exit Plan. The Emergency Exit Plan must be clearly displayed at all points of entry and exit as well as at other strategic areas in the venue.

5. Emergency Exits

All Emergency Exits must be clearly signposted and adequately lit, in accordance with Australian Standards, and must be free of any form of obstruction.

6. General Access Security

At venues that are required to have enclosed fencing, all access points must be staffed by appropriate personnel (i.e. Club Officials or Security) and have an identified area on entry to the venue in which to conduct bag checks.

7. Emergency Services Access

The venue must enable Emergency Service vehicles to gain direct access into the Venue and on to the Field of Play.

8. Fire Prevention

The venue must be equipped with all fire prevention devices as required by Government and Australian Standards.

9. Smoking and Drinking

All FFSA venues are designated smoke free. It is the responsibility of the venue management, hirer and/or club personnel to police and enforce this requirement.

Serving of alcohol must be in accordance with the venues liquor license regulations. Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be placed in plastic cups. A designated alcohol free zone is to be provided.

10. Risk Assessment

FFSA may from time to time, due to actual or perceived spectator behaviour, require Clubs to submit a Risk Assessment for any match played at their home venue.

The Risk Assessment must at minimum consider and include the following:

- a) Projected crowd figures;
- b) Minimum security requirements for the game including number of security personnel and/or ground stewards;
- c) Venue Access points for players, officials, spectators, media etc.;
- d) Spectator flow into and out of the venue;
- e) Access for Emergency Services;
- f) Signposting of entry and exit points;
- g) Emergency Exit Plan.

11. Restricted Access Areas

Clubs are required to implement Restricted Access to the following areas on game day;

- a) Changing Rooms for Players and Team Officials only;
- b) Referees' Changing Rooms for Match Officials only;
- Players Race (where required) for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security (including Ground Stewards) Personnel, Emergency Services and Home Club or Hosting Club Officials only;
- d) Field of Play for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security (including Ground Stewards) Personnel, Emergency Services and registered photographers only.

In addition to the above, Clubs in the National Premier League and where applicable, Women's National Premier League, are required to implement a Restricted Access to the Media Area and PA Area.

- a) The Media Area is to be restricted to Registered Media, FFSA Appointed Officials and Home Club or Hosting Club Staff.
- b) The PA Area is to be restricted to Home Club or Hosting Club Game Day Staff and FFSA Appointed Officials.

All Restricted Access Areas must be clearly labelled indicating the identification, pass or ticket required to access the area.

All Clubs are encouraged to further define restricted access areas to the Venue, for example a function area, to promote a professional environment on match days.

12. Admission Area

Where the venue is enclosed and admission into the venue is controlled, the venue must have a clearly distinguishable Admission Area.

a) Admission fees are in accordance to the Competition Operating Regulations.

SECTION 3: FIELD OF PLAY

1. Field of Play Dimensions

The following diagram details the minimum, maximum and compulsory dimensions for Field of Play markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game. All fields used in FFSA Competitions must conform to these dimensions.

- a) 11 a side Football
 - The minimum and maximum dimensions of a field are;
 - Length Minimum 90m, Maximum 120m
 - Width Minimum 45m, Maximum 90m
 - ii. The required minimum field dimensions for elite competitions, that being National Premier Leagues and State League One is to be 100 metres in length and 60 metres in width.
 - iii. There must be a buffer zone between the Field of Play line marking and any Advertising Boards or Perimeter Fence. The minimum distance from the touch line or goal line is 1 metre.
 - iv. The Technical Area must be a minimum of 1 metre in distance from the touch line.

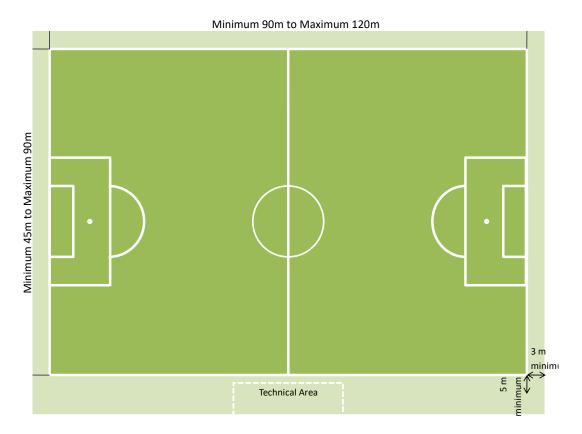




Diagram – Field of Play Perimeter Dimensions

2. Playing Surface

The Playing Surface must be even and flat with a complete coverage of grass, where possible. Either natural grass or FIFA approved artificial grass pitches may be used.

The surface must be free of potholes or any kind of abnormalities that could be hazardous to players or match officials during play. All clubs are strongly encouraged in conjunction with their local council to ensure that there is adequate drainage to the field to allow play during rain and periods of extended rainfall.

3. Line Markings

The Field of Play must be rectangular and marked with lines. The longer lines being touch lines, the shorter lines goal lines.

Line markings must be in accordance with the Field of Play Dimensions, not exceeding 12 cm's in width as per FIFA Laws of the Game and are clear and accurate. The field should be free of other markings, should other markings exist they must be a different colour and clearly distinguishable from the football field markings.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that substances that will not harm users or damage turf grasses are used for line marking. Clubs should also consult their local council.

4. Corner and Half Way flags

Corner flags are compulsory and are required at the joint of the touch line and goal line on every field.

Half way flags are optional and should be located no less than 1 metre off the touch line directly in-line with half way.

A flag post is to be at least 1.5 metres high, with a non-pointed top and a flag must be placed at each corner. This is in accordance with the requirements listed in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

5. Goal Posts and Goal nets

Permanent and portable goals that meet the FFSA Goal Post Safety Requirements and Australian Standards must be provided.

The goalposts and crossbar must be painted white and must not exceed 12cm, and the goal line must be the same width as the posts.

Goal nets must be attached to the goals and the ground behind the goals. They must be properly supported and must not interfere with the goalkeeper. In accordance with Australian Standard AS4866.1 goalposts must not be fitted with metal hooks. Nets should only be secured by plastic hooks, net hooks or other safe alternative. Net pegs are only to be used to anchor a net and not be used to anchor the actual goal structure.

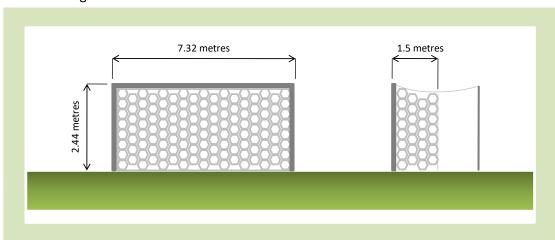


Diagram 5 – Goal Post Dimensions

6. Technical Area

All fields must have marked out Technical Areas. The Technical Areas must provide the requirements as specified in the minimum competition requirements for each competition or as outlined in the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.

Where a fourth official is appointed to a game, a table and chair may be provided and must be placed a safe distance from the field of play.

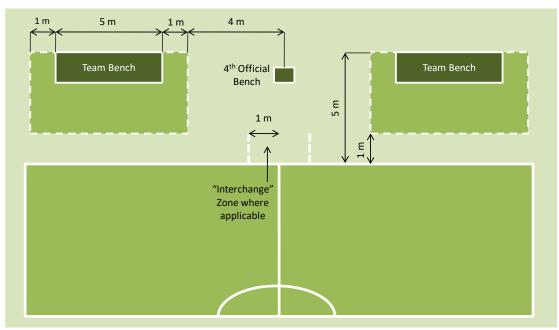


Diagram 6 - Technical Area line marking and dimensions

7. Interchange Area

An Interchange Area must be marked for all Competitions where unlimited interchange applies. The Interchange Area may form part of the pitch marking or may be identified with cones.

The Interchange Zone will commence 1 metre either side of the touchline from the half way line and extend one (1) metre from the Field of Play.

8. Pitch Perimeter Fence

Where a Perimeter Fence is required, in accordance with the minimum requirements of the competition, the Perimeter Fence must:

- a) Be located the required distance from the touch line and goal line as defined in the Field of Play. Dimensions, being a minimum of 2 metre from the sideline.
- b) Be at least one (1) metre in height.
- c) Must be constructed of substantial material (i.e. cyclone wire).

Advertising signs, where installed on perimeter fencing, are to be properly secured and be constructed of a material that will not cause injury to Players or Officials.

SECTION 4: PLAYER AND REFEREE FACILITIES

1. Player Changing Rooms

Changing facilities for players must be provided in accordance with the relevant competition minimum standards.

Where the competition requirements are silent in the area of changing rooms, the venue must provide a facility where a person may change.

2. Referee Dressing Rooms

Changing facilities for match officials must be provided in accordance with the relevant competition minimum standards.

Where the competition requirements are silent in the area of changing rooms, the venue must provide a facility where a person may change.

3. Players Race

Where a Players Race is required in accordance with the minimum requirements of the competition, the Player's Race must;

- a) Provide direct and exclusive access for Players, Team Officials and Match Officials from their Changing Room to the Field of Play.
- b) Be constructed from heavy duty material.
- c) Be enclosed.

At no stage should any unauthorized person gain access into the Player's Race. The home or host team is responsible for ensuring that the players race is secured, providing access only to those authorized personnel.

SECTION 5: LIGHTING

1. Field of Play Lighting for Games

The Field of Play Lighting requirements for games are in accordance with the specified Australian Standards;

Semi-Professional 200 lux with uniformity of 0.6 Amateur 100 lux with uniformity of 0.5

2. Training Area Lighting

The lighting requirements for training is in accordance with the specified Australian Standards;

Semi-Professional 100 lux with uniformity of 0.5 Amateur 50 lux with uniformity of 0.3

Please refer to the minimum requirements of the competition and the Lighting Policy, Appendix 6 for full details.

SECTION 6: SPECTATOR FACILITIES

1. Canteen and Bar

The provision of canteen and bar facilities is in accordance with the minimum requirements of the relevant competition. Where the competition requirements are silent in this area, it is recommended that the club provide a facility for the sale of food and non-alcoholic drinks.

The canteen facility must;

a) Be maintained and operated in a clean condition that meets Local Government Standards and Health Regulations.

2. Sale and Consumption of Alcohol

The following conditions must be complied with where alcohol is sold and consumed;

- a) The Club must obtain a license as required under the Liquor Licensing Act;
- b) The point of sale must be separate to other food or beverage, and to which minors are restricted;
- c) Consumption must not occur in the vicinity of the player's race or team benches;
- d) Alcohol consumed outside of a club room must be placed in a plastic cup;
- e) Under no circumstances is alcohol to be served to people who are intoxicated;
- f) The sale, provision or consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any underage game or event;
- g) A designated dry zone must be established within the venue.

All clubs and affiliated associations that serve alcohol are required to undertake the good sports program, http://goodsports.com.au/this-is-good-sports/

3. Seating

Seating is to be provided in accordance with the minimum standards of the relevant competition. Where the competition requirements are silent in this area, seating is not required.

4. Toilets

Adequate public toilet facilities are to be made available.





NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Minimum Requirements

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FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	The Laws of the game stipulate the field size to be a minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	Field size for this level of football is to be 105 metres in length and 68 metres in width.
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Perimeter Fence	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be complaint prior to further use.
Player's Race	An enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons. Non -Compliance – (Refer to page 33-34 for details relating to fines)
		FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s; First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 12 people being five substitutes and seven team officials.	
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Changing Rooms	Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements; I. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. II. Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin. IV. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. V. Trainers Table.	All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Whiteboard and pens • Power Points
Match Officials Changing Room	Allocation of a changing room that comfortably accommodates up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate changing room should be provided for female match officials. i. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. ii. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. iii. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. iv. Locker or handing facilities for match officials clothing. v. Table	Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away. All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Power Points Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Floodlighting	Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play senior fixtures, the field floodlighting must be a minimum of 200 lux with a uniformity of 0.6. For Under 18 and Reserve Grade fixtures to be conducted as night games the minimum floodlighting requirements is 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.
Medical Room and Equipment	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.

- A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.
- B. FFSA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities		
Spectator amenities shall be fully	y enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the gro	ound is controlled.
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate	
	the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency	
	vehicles including access to the playing field	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have a admission entrance of a structure and design	
	as approved by FFSA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic
	council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to	containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol
	the license regulations.	consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue.	
	Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the	
	appointed match officials	
Media Area	A media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and	
	scoreboard is required to be provided at each venue.	
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays
	participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators and the	the match time
	media/ press box.	
Seating Capacity	Seating for 200 people.	Recommended that the seating is undercover.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce
		a smoke free venue.
PA System	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of	Recommended that the system can play music and announce
	the venue.	simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A
		wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that	A public disabled toilet must be provided.
	are situated in the venue.	

^{*}FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the venue criteria is not fulfilled.

APPENDIX 2

STATE LEAGUE 1 Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	The Laws of the game stipulate the field size to be a minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	Field size for this level of football is to be 105 metres in length and 68 metres in width.
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Perimeter Fence	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be complaint prior to further use.
Player's Race	An enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
		 Non -Compliance – (Refer to page 33-34 for details relating to fines) A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. B. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s; a. First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. b. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. c. Subsequent offences referred to Disciplinary Hearing.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 10 people.	
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Changing Rooms	Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;	All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times.
	 Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Trainers Table. 	All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Whiteboard and pens • Power Points Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.
Match Officials Changing Room	Allocation of a changing room that can comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials. I. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. II. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. IV. Locker or handing facilities for match officials clothing. V. Table	All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Power Points Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Medical Room and Equipment	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
Floodlighting	Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.

- A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.
- B. FFSA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities		
Spectator amenities shall be fully	enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the gro	und is controlled.
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have a admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by FFSA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	No requirement.	It is preferred that a media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is provided at each venue.
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Seating Capacity	No requirement	It is preferred that there is seating provided for 200 people and that the seating is covered.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	No requirement.	It is recommended that a fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue is available at all venues. Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

^{*}FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the venue criteria is not fulfilled.

APPENDIX 3

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	The Laws of the game stipulate the field size to be a minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult with their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Perimeter Fence	No Requirement	It is recommended that a permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA, fully encloses the field of play and that it is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced.
Player's Race	No requirement	It is recommended that the venue has an enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play. The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 10 people.	

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Dressing Rooms	There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements; I. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. II. Shower facilities with a minimum of one shower head providing hot and cold water. III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin.	All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: Hooks to hang clothes Massage table Whiteboard Power points
Match Officials Dressing Room	Separate changing room to accommodate match officials. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials. I. Sufficient space to accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. II. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin.	Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away. All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Hooks to hang clothes • Power points Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.
Floodlighting	Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> are to be implemented. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Access and exit to the venue	Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Scoreboard	No Requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a scoreboard, identifying home and away teams.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

A. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.

B. FFSA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.





Women's National Premier League Minimum Competition Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES			
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments	
Field Dimensions	The Laws of the game stipulate the field size to be a minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	_	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.	
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.	
Perimeter Field Fencing	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines must be installed by the conclusion of the license period. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced.	
Access to Field of Play	A secure access to the field of play must be provided to players and match officials when moving between field of play and changing rooms	It is recommended that a player's race is in place ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between th changing room and the field of play. This area must be secured an inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.	
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 12 people being five substitutes and seven team officials.		

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments		
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.		
Team Dressing Rooms Match Officials Dressing Room	There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements; • Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. • Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. • Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin. • Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. • Trainers Table. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match	All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Whiteboard and pens • Power Points Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away. All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and		
	officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials. • Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. • Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. • Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. • Locker or handing facilities for match officials clothing. • Table	hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Power Points Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.		
Floodlighting	To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented.	Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.		
Medical Room and Equipment	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.		

^{*}A club that is unable to meet the minimum field of play and team amenities requirements will be required to nominate a venue that does or utilise a FFSA venue.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES			
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments	
Spectator Amenities Spectator amenities shall be fully	enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the gro	und is controlled.	
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field		
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have an admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by FFSA for the collection of admission fees.		
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.	
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials		
Media Area	No requirement	It is preferred that a media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is provided at each venue.	
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time	
Seating Capacity	No requirement	It is preferred that there is seating provided for 200 people and that the seating is covered.	
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.	
PA System	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue is available at all venues.	Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.	
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.	

^{*}A club that is unable to meet the Spectator and Other Venue Facilities requirements will be required to nominate a venue that does or utilise a FFSA venue.

APPENDIX 5

Women's State League Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES			
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments	
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.		
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult with their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.	
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.	
Perimeter Fence	No Requirement	It is recommended that a permanent fence or fencing as approved by FFSA, fully encloses the field of play and that it is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe. FFSA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced.	
Player's Race	No requirement	It is recommended that the venue has an enclosed player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play. The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.	
Technical Area	Coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by FFSA, with adequate seating for 10 people.		

Criterion Minimum Requirement		Comments		
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.		
Team Dressing Rooms	There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements; • Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. • Shower facilities with a minimum of one shower head providing hot and cold water. • Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin.	All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Hooks to hang clothes • Massage table • Whiteboard • Power points Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.		
Match Officials Dressing Room	Separate changing room to accommodate match officials. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials. • Sufficient space to accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. • Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. • Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin.	All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by FFSA and have the appropriate council approval. Other equipment recommended: • Hooks to hang clothes • Power points Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.		
Floodlighting	Football Federation SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented by the conclusion of the license period. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	Any club seeking to conduct night fixtures must meet the lighting standards. Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.		

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Access and exit to the venue	Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Scoreboard	No Requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a scoreboard, identifying home and away teams. Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.



FOOTBALL FEDERATION SA

Procedures and Policies

Subject:	Flood Lighting Requirements	
		Date Implemented
	This policy will be reviewed on an annually bases.	Date Amended:

1. Rationale

- 1.1 This policy sets out the mandatory requirements for competition lighting at football venues used by clubs competing in competitions administered by Football Federation South Australia (FFSA) or affiliated to FFSA.
- 1.2 These requirements ensure that clubs are compliant with the Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007 and applicable Occupational Health and Safety requirements. Implementing a minimum standard of lighting also aids a higher quality of play, providing a positive experience for participants and spectators. Applicable lighting should also ensure that football venues are "good neighbours" in residential areas.

2. Background

- 2.1 The International governing body for football, the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), has developed technical recommendations and requirements for Football stadiums but do not mandate specific lighting standards for competitions of the type administered by FFSA. In this regard, FFSA adopts the Sports Lighting Australian Standards.
- 2.2 FFSA requires that all clubs comply with Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007 that applies to football (soccer). These Standards outline the lighting requirements for different levels of competition of play and training. FFSA supports and encourages clubs to expand their spectator base by conducting games under lights and provide participants with the opportunity to compete under different conditions, as long as the club is compliant with the required lighting standards.

3. Requirements

- 3.1 The requirements detailed below are applicable for all FFSA Sanctioned Games and Affiliated Associations. This document is to be read in conjunction with the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations. The requirements are mandatory for matches to be played under lights.
- 3.2 These standards are the <u>MINIMUM</u> required. FFSA encourages achievement of higher lighting levels, where possible especially for those venues that may wish to host Westfield FFA Cup Games or NPL Final Series Games.
- 3.3 The Australian Standard identifies several levels of competition and specifies lighting standards for each. The levels are:
 - amateur;
 - semi-professional;
 - professional.

These levels align with FFSA's Competition Operating Regulations, which specifies the requirements for each competition. FFSA has deemed that only one league, the National Premier League (NPL)is classified as semi-professional, with all other competitions deemed to be amateur.

3.4 The table below outlines the Australian Standard for sports lighting, detailing the minimum requirements for competition, including both minimum lux levels and minimum horizontal uniformities.

Competition	Minimum Lux ¹	Minimum Horizontal Uniformities		Maximum Glare Rating
		U1 Min:	U2 min:max	
Professional (WFFA Cup involving A-League Team	500	0.70	0.5	50
PlayStation 4 NPL Senior Grade (Semi-Professional)	200	0.60	0.40	50
All other competitions (Amateur)	100	0.50	0.30	50

N.B. the minimum Lux refers to the maintained average as actually measured in field audits, not the levels provided for in design documents.

- 3.5 Lighting installations should be designed with minimum obtrusive light to ensure that no disturbance or discomfort is caused to neighbouring properties and residents, or spectators. In making this determination, the following should be taken into consideration;
 - light falling on vertical surfaces or entering a property via windows etc.,
 - the brightness or intensity of the installation from specific observer positions looking toward the installation.
 - The light emitted upward (above horizontal) from each floodlight. This effect is often referred to as "sky glow,"

Such occurrences should be addressed as soon as practicable.

4. Sanctioning of Night Games - Process

4.1 Where a club wishes to schedule a match at times where lighting is required, the club must ensure that the lighting has been certified to the Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007.

This Certification must be based on an audit of the lighting system by a suitable consultant. The lighting consultant must be confirmed as suitable to FFSA in advance of the audit being conducted. Suitability is based on the qualifications and experience of the consultant in floodlighting for sports purposes, especially football. Suitable lighting consultants will include but are not limited to Members of the Illuminating Engineering Society of Australia and New Zealand Limited (IES - The Lighting Society).

The cost of gaining this certification is the responsibility of the club.

5. Club Lighting Audit Requirements

- 5.1 A club undertaking a lighting audit is required to have the lighting consultant complete the following requirements;
 - undertake a review of the installed equipment to assess its characteristics and current potential for compliance with the Australian Standard;
 - undertake an on-field audit using appropriate equipment measuring in accordance with Clause 6.3 of the Australian Standard and assess compliance with the lux levels and their uniformity
 - the tests must cover the entire field of play within the marked lines (tests across half field only is not acceptable);
 - identify any issues of concern regarding the uniformity of vertical illuminance affecting illumination of the ball on medium and high trajectory paths;
 - identify any issues of concern relating to the lighting system's reliability, including a check of the switchboard/lighting control systems to confirm that they are able to be fully secured and are in good working order;
 - report to FFSA on compliance with the Australian Standard or otherwise and any other matters affecting the performance and reliability of the system.

- 5.2 The lighting consultant's report to FFSA must include details of the installation, measurements obtained in the on-field audit and the calculation of maintained average lux, uniformities and glare along with comments on uniformity of vertical illuminance and reliability.
- 5.3 FFSA will provide a prescribed form for the lighting consultant to complete which will provide space for the required information. The test readings must be attached to this form. The form must be completed and signed by the lighting consultant.
- 5.4 Certification is subject to satisfactory compliance with the Australian Standards for floodlighting. If FFSA is satisfied that the information and lighting performance meet the required standards, FFSA will register a venue as compliant for either semi-professional or amateur level matches to be conducted. FFSA reserves the right to seek additional information or testing from the club or lighting consultant, to be provided at the club's cost.
- 5.5 Certification will be accepted by FFSA for a period of two years, after which time another audit must be undertaken and Certification provided for the club to continue to conduct matches at times requiring lighting. FFSA will not approve fixtures that require lighting without the Certification and subsequent FFSA registration of the venue.

6. Ongoing compliance

- 6.1 If a club becomes aware that the lighting may have deteriorated below the Australian Standard it must immediately notify FFSA in writing, whereby FFSA may be required to amend fixtures if the club is unable to bring the lighting up to the required standard. The club will be required to provide FFSA with a new lighting certification prior to the sanctioning of future night games.
- 6.2 Where a referee has made a report in relation to the adequacy of the lighting at a venue or FFSA has concerns that a venue may not currently meet the Australian Standard, FFSA may direct the club to engage a suitable lighting consultant to undertake a field audit to test compliance as detailed above. Any cost will be met by the club.
- 6.3 If a match is unable to commence, is halted temporarily or abandoned due to the failure of the lighting the club must provide a report and evidence to FFSA as to the causes of such failure. If the failure was due to circumstances beyond the control of the club, such as network system failure, weather, accidental damage or offsite equipment failure or any other extraordinary circumstances accepted by FFSA, the outcome of the match will be determined in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations and subject to FFSA being satisfied that the lighting still meets the Australian Standards, the club may continue to play night games.
- 6.4 If the Lighting Failure was due to any other reason:
 - (a) The match will be determined in accordance with the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations, and the specific Competition Operating Regulations.
 - (b) The club will be required to undertake a further audit in accordance with the lighting audit requirements outlined above, at the cost of the club; and
 - (c) The club will not be permitted to hold night matches at the venue until an audit demonstrates compliance with the Australian Standard.
- 6.5 If a Lighting Failure occurs on a second or subsequent occasion within two concurrent seasons for any reason, the FFSA in its sole and absolute discretion may not accept the relevant venue for further night fixtures.