



FOOTBALL
QUEENSLAND
BRISBANE



Rules of Competition

2021

COMPETITION FORMAT

NOTE: The following dates are guidelines and are subject to change.

Round of 64 – 25th – 26th May

64 teams

Teams will be randomly drawn to play knockout matches. The first drawn team in each match will be designated as the home team.

Note, if less than 64 teams nominate for the competition, then some teams will receive a BYE in this round. The number of matches drawn will be determined by the number of teams and will ensure that 32 teams progress to the Round of 32.

The winners of these matches and the remaining teams not drawn to play (received a BYE) will progress to the Round of 32.

Round of 32 – 22nd – 23rd June

32 teams

The thirty-two (32) teams that progressed from the Round of 64 will be randomly drawn to play sixteen (16) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be designated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to the Round of 16.

Please note, in the event that less than 32 teams nominate for either competition, then that competition will begin at the Round of 32. The number of matches drawn will be determined by the number of teams, with some teams to receive BYES, and will ensure that 16 teams progress to the Round of 16.

Round of 16 – 13th – 14th July

16 teams

The sixteen (16) teams that progressed from the Round of 16 will be randomly drawn to play eight (8) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be designated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to the Quarter Finals.

Quarter-Finals – 10th – 11th August

8 teams

The eight (8) teams that progressed from the Round of 16 will be randomly drawn to play four (4) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be designated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to the Semi-Finals.

Semi-Finals – 27th – 29th August

4 teams

The four (4) winners from the Quarter Finals will be randomly drawn to play two (2) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be designated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to the Final.

Final – 18th September

2 teams

The final is to be played at a venue to be determined by Football Brisbane. The winner of the first Semi Final (as drawn) will be designated as the “Home” team in the event of a clash of colours.

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. These rules must be read in conjunction with the Football Brisbane Rules of Competition. In the event of an omission or inconsistency between these Rules and the Football Brisbane Rules of Competition, Football Brisbane will determine and rule on the interpretation.
2. There is no nomination fee for either the Mens or Womens City League Cups.
3. If Football Brisbane engages a sponsor, a condition of entry is that clubs are required to uphold any requirements stipulated in the sponsorship contract. Such requirements may include signage, the display of logos on club websites, use of designated balls etc.
4. Clubs may only nominate **one team** for each competition and, as such, any player that is registered with that club and age eligible (under the Player Age Requirement) would be eligible to play (subject to Rules 3, 4 & 5 below). The team entered will be deemed to be the highest eligible City League team within that club, however any City League players from that club are eligible to play.
5. Any player who is graded into a higher ranked competition than City League (as per the Football Brisbane Competition Rules), is ineligible to play in the Mens or Womens City League Cup.
6. Players are only eligible to play for one club during the competition, therefore if they transfer clubs after playing in a cup match, they cannot play for their new club in the Mens or Womens City League Cup.
7. In the event there is a clash of colours, it will be the responsibility of the **home** team to change into an alternative strip.
8. Each team can make unlimited Return Substitutions in any given match, with a maximum of five (5) substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Sheet.
9. For midweek matches, If the designated home team (first drawn) does not have the facilities to play night matches or is unable to provide an alternative venue, the match will be played at the ground of the second drawn team. If neither team has the facilities to play night games, the match will be played at a neutral venue.
10. In the event of a clash with other scheduled fixtures, the Mens and Womens City League Cups will take priority
11. Match Officials' fees will be shared equally by the two competing teams for all matches, except the final where Football Brisbane will pay the fees. Each club will be invoiced accordingly.
12. For all Round matches and Semi Final matches, a result must be obtained.
 - Games are to be 2 x 45 minute halves.
 - After normal time in each half, the match official may add on Injury/Stoppage Time as they see fit.
 - If the scores are equal at full time, then penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA regulations will be taken to determine the winner. **No extra time will be played.**

13. For the Final Match, a result must be obtained.

- Games are to be 2 x 45 minute halves.
- After normal time in each half, the match official may add on Injury/Stoppage Time as they see fit.
- If the scores are equal at full time, then 2 x 15 minute extra time periods will be played in full.
- Should the scores still be equal after extra time, then penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA regulations will be taken to determine the winner.

14. As the Cup will run in conjunction with the normal fixtures, any player who incurs a suspension in a match prior to a Cup Round will miss that Cup tie in lieu of the following fixture. For example, if player X is sent from the field or incurs a Yellow Card suspension – this suspension will be served in the Club's next available competition match, which may be either a Cup match or a Fixture match (this is presuming that the player's suspension was only one game). **NOTE:** Any suspension incurred in a fixture match must have been incurred in the highest eligible team in the club for it to be served in the Mens or Womens City League Cup. Similarly, any suspension incurred in a Cup match must be served in the club's highest eligible team's next match.