



2018 Chairman's Challenge Cup



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1. **Player Eligibility** - All players must be registered to the club making this application and in accordance with FNQ Football Competition Regulations and FFA National Registration Regulations. Players must be active within MyFootballClub or PlayFootball registration portal.
2. Players selected into any team nomination as listed above can only play for that team.
3. **Nominations** - Clubs are eligible to nominate more than one team into each division for the competition.
4. Clubs can select players from any senior grade to formulate a team subject to the a, or b below. Team nominations can be as follows;
 - a. Premier League – players from 2017 Premier Division & Premier Reserve, 2017 First or Second Division & Under 18
 - b. Women's – players from women's premier league plus any female players of eligible age to play senior football.
5. **Squads** - A squad of up to a maximum of 22 players must be selected prior to commencement of the competition. The minimum number of players selected prior to the first game must be 12. Players can be added to the squad by submitting an amended nomination form to FNQ Football by 3pm Friday prior to the next fixture scheduled for that team. No additional players can be added after the final pool fixture. Only Players listed on the team nomination form can participate in any fixture. Any players participating in a fixture that have not been listed on the team nomination form will be declared ineligible and the offending team, if they win or draw the fixture, will lose the match. A score of 3-0 and 3 points will be awarded to the opposing team.
6. **Entry Fee and Payment** - The entry fee is \$400 per team (GST inclusive). On receipt of FNQ Football invoice and acceptance in to the competition Clubs are required to pay entry fees within 14 days. **Please note:** Entry fees include Match Official Fees.
7. **Draw** - The Chairman's Challenge Cup will be structured as a round robin competition with teams divided into one, two or more pools dependent upon nominations received. Pools will be equal in numbers wherever possible. If required drawing of teams for each pool will be by a random draw. Each team will play a minimum of 3 matches.
8. In the event of insufficient teams nominating in any division, FNQ Football may place a team into another division to provide a balanced pool structure.
9. **Matches** – each match will be 60 minutes in duration including the final with 10 minutes half time break. Player Interchange rules will apply i.e. no substitute rule, with a maximum of 5 interchange players available. A squad of 16 players only can be listed on the team sheet for each fixture.
10. **Rules & Misconduct** - The competition rules are as per the Chairman's Challenge Cup Competition Rules and FNQ Football Competition Regulations.
11. **Red Cards** - Players sent off in an Chairman's Challenge Cup fixture will serve their suspension in the next Chairman's Challenge Cup fixture. Should the players team be eliminated from the Chairman's Challenge Cup they will serve any suspension in the next match for the team in which they are registered for the that season. Suspensions as per the National Disciplinary Regulations will apply to all red cards.
12. **Accumulated Yellow Cards** – A player receiving three (3) yellow cards will serve a mandatory 1 match suspension. A player receiving five (5) yellow cards will serve a mandatory 2 match suspension. Should the players team be eliminated from the Chairman's Challenge Cup they will serve any remaining suspension in the next match for the team in which they are registered for the that season.
13. **Suspended Players** – Players under suspension from the previous season are not eligible to participate in the Chairman's Challenge Cup until the suspension is served. Fixtures scheduled for the Chairman's Challenge Cup will count towards the serving of any suspension but only where a player is listed on the team nomination form submitted to FNQ Football prior to the first fixture for that club.