



# **2024 MITRE FQPL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | RULES OF COMPETITION**

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## **1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1.1 These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the Football Queensland 2024 Advanced Rules of Competition, relevant FQ Regulations, Policies and By Laws and FA's Statutes and Regulations (including National Disciplinary Regulations, National Registration Regulations and FQ Disciplinary Regulations).
- 1.2 In the event of an omission or inconsistency between these Regulations and the 2024 Advanced Rules of Competition, Football Queensland will determine and rule on the interpretation.
- 1.3 The FQPL Champions League Regulations shall apply to all fixtures administered by FQ and may be amended by FQ at any time.
- 1.4 If the designated home team is unable to host the match and is unable to provide an alternative venue, the match will be played at the ground of the 'away' team. Alternatively, a neutral venue may be used.
- 1.5 If any team in the given fixture has to travel over 5 hours to play the fixture, FQ have the right to move the fixture
- 1.6 FQ will contribute to travel costs when travel time exceeds 5 hours one way.

## **2 QUALIFICATION PROCESS**

- 2.1 The Five (5) regional League winners from the Far North, Northern, Whitsunday Coast, Central and Wide Bay Regions receive automatic entry into the competition.
- 2.2 The 6th position will be the previous year's Regional Final winner. (If they have already qualified go to 2.3.)
- 2.3 The 6th position will be the previous year's Regional Final runners up. (If they have already qualified go to 2.4.)
- 2.4 The 6th position will be the runner up league winner of the previous year's Regional Final winner.

2.5 The following clubs have qualified for the 2024 season:

<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
MA Olympic FC	Leichardt Lions FC
Leichardt Lions FC	Edge Hill FC
Brothers Townsville FC	Whitsunday Coast FC
Mackay Lions FC	Brothers Townsville FC
Bluebirds FC	Clinton FC
Fraser Flames FC	Across the Waves FC

### 3 COMPETITION FORMAT

3.1 The Northern Region with four teams will follow a conference format, whilst the Central Region will feature two legs (see tables below).

3.2 Central Conference Legs will be played using an aggregate scoring method. If both teams are completely tied at the conclusion of the 2 legs, extra-time and penalties may be implemented in the final game. There is no extra weighting given for away goals.

3.3 2024 Play-Off Structure:

2024 FQPL Champions League - Women			
<b>Round</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Team 1</b>	<b>Team 2</b>
Round 1	Match 1	Brothers FC	Mackay Lions FC
	Match 2	Leichardt FC	MA Olympic
	Match 3 - Leg 1	Bluebirds FC	Fraser Flames FC
Round 2	Match 4 - Leg 2	Fraser Flames FC	Bluebirds FC
	Match 5*	Winner match 1	Winner match 2
Round 3 - Regional final	Match 6*	Winner Match 4	Winner match 5
Champions League Final	Match 7	Regional Final Winner	FQPL 1 Premiers

\* Venue and home team is TBC

2024 FQPL Champions League - Men			
Round	Match	Team 1	Team 2
Round 1	Match 1	Whitsunday Coast FC	Brothers FC
	Match 2	Leichardt FC	Edge Hill FC
	Match 3 - Leg 1	Clinton FC	Waves FC
Round 2	Match 4 - Leg 2	Waves FC	Clinton FC
	Match 5*	Winner match 1	Winner match 2
Round 3 - Regional final	Match 6*	Winner Match 4	Winner match 5
Champions League Final	Match 7	Regional Final Winner	FQPL 1 Premiers

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## 4 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 4.1 To be eligible to play in the FQPL Champions League, players must be registered to the relevant Football Queensland Affiliated Club in 2024
- 4.2 Teams must submit Team sheets for the FQPL Champions League via Squadi. 2 x 15-minute extra time periods will be played in full.
- 4.3 The competition will be played under the Substitution Rule.
- In the above competitions, teams may list a maximum of 17 players on the Squadi Team Sheet (a starting 11 and 6 substitutes).
  - During regular play time, teams may make up to five (5) substitutions, with a maximum of 3 stoppages in play in a match.
  - Each team is allocated one extra stoppage and one extra substitution in extra time.
- 4.4 A maximum of 10 persons are permitted within the Technical Area at any given time during a Competition Fixture. Those persons may only include five (6) substitutes listed as well as five (5) Team Officials (coach, manager, physio etc).
- 4.5 Games will consist of two (2) 45 minute halves in conjunction with IFAB Laws of the Game. The exception to this is for the Central Coast Conference playoff.
- 4.6 Matches that require a winner at the end of the fixture I.e. straight knock-out, will be required to complete two halves of extra time, at 15 minutes each half. If the match ends in a draw after extra time a penalty shoot-out will take place to determine a winner.

## 5 MATCH BALLS

- 5.1 Clubs **must** use Mitre branded Match Balls for all fixtures in the Mitre FQPL Champions League competition (minimum level of Mitre Delta match balls).

## 6 RESCHEDULING MATCHES

- 6.1 All matches that are called off due to adverse weather, will be automatically rescheduled by Football Queensland.

## 7 DISCIPLINARY

- 7.1 Any player who incurs a red card suspension in a FQPL Champions League match will serve their suspension in the player's next available match(es), which may be either a FQPL Champions League game or a Regular Season match (this is presuming that the player's suspension was only one game).
- 7.2 The Sin Bin/temporary dismissal rule will not be implemented in the FQPL Champions League.

## 8 REFEREE FEES

- 8.1 Match Officials' fees will be shared equally by the two competing teams for all matches.
- 8.2 See the Match Officials Fees for the Mitre FQPL Champions League below:

### Men:

Round	Referee	Assistant Referee 1	Assistant Referee 2	4 <sup>TH</sup> Official
All	\$160	\$80	\$80	

### Women:

Round	Referee	Assistant Referee 1	Assistant Referee 2	4 <sup>TH</sup> Official
All	\$160	\$80	\$80	