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To: Queensland Clubs

From: Football Queensland

Subject: 2024 Queensland Cup

Date: December 12, 2023

Dear Clubs

Football Queensland can today provide further information to clubs regarding the evolution of the Queensland Cup, which will unify both men's and women's statewide knockout tournaments under one name from 2024.

Reflecting FQ's promotion of competitions that align with its strategic commitment to reaching 50/50 gender parity across all aspects of football, the tournament will build on the success of the Kappa Women's Super Cup.

More than 220 men's and women's teams are predicted to participate in the 2024 edition of the Queensland Cup as clubs across the state vie for top honours.

In addition to the tournament for senior teams, the Queensland Cup-Youth will include a competition for Under 18 Boys and Under 18 Girls in 2024.

The Queensland Cup - Women will see regional teams feature from the opening round, before NPL Women and FQPL 1 and 2 Women sides enter in Rounds 3 and 4 in line with the previous format of the Kappa Women's Super Cup.

The Men's tournament will follow a similar format with the final four teams competing in the Queensland Cup Semi Finals and Final to determine the inaugural Queensland Cup - Men Champions.

The entry fee for the Queensland Cup is the only fee required for clubs to participate in the statewide tournament in 2024.

The Queensland Cup - Men will serve as the qualifying competition for the Australia Cup, with the four Queensland Cup Semi Finalists entering the Australia Cup Round of 32 as Queensland's representatives.

Queensland clubs who are likely to qualify for the Australia Cup Round of 32, by reaching the final four of the Queensland Cup - Men, will be required to pay Football Australia's entry fee to play in the 2024 edition of the Australia Cup tournament.

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Nominations to participate in the Queensland Cup are open to senior men's and senior women's teams from every Football Queensland club, however nomination is <u>compulsory for all NPL Queensland, FQPL 1 and FQPL 2 Men's and Women's teams</u> as per the 2024 FQ Advanced Rules of Competition.

Clubs with teams in the Under 18 FQ Academy Boys Leagues 1-4 and Under 17 FQ Academy Girls Leagues 1-2 will be permitted to nominate for the Queensland Cup - Youth in 2024 as Football Queensland works towards the expansion of the tournament to welcome more teams and regions in future years.

Click here to submit a team nomination for the 2024 Queensland Cup.

For any further enquiries, please contact the FQ Competitions team on competitions@footballqueensland.com.au.

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