



FFA CUP PRELIMINARY

CANALE CUP

2016

FFA CUP QUALIFYING

Qualification matches for the FFA Cup will involve all Brisbane Premier League (BPL) and Capital League clubs as well as the Brisbane based National Premier League (NPL) clubs. The nomination fee for BPL and Capital League clubs will be \$300.00. A random draw for each round will be conducted by Football Brisbane and a combination of mid-week night matches and weekend matches will be played.

COMPETITION FORMAT

NOTE:

For weekend matches, 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 second drawn team.

For midweek matches, if the designated home team does not have the facility 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 facility to play night games, the match will be played at a neutral venue.

Round 2 – 12-14 February

42 teams

The five (5) lowest ranked Capital League 1 teams (based on 2015 results) and all Capital League 2, Capital League 3 and Capital League 4 teams will be randomly drawn to play twenty-one (21) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to Round 3.

Round 3 – 2 & 9 March

40 teams

The twenty-one (21) winners of matches from Round 2 and the twelve (12) Brisbane Premier League teams and the remaining seven (7) Capital League 1 teams will be randomly drawn to play twenty (20) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to Round 4.

Round 4 – 30 March & 6 April

20 teams

The twenty (20) winners from Round 3 will be randomly drawn to play ten (10) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to Round 5.

Round 5 – 27 April - 4 May

16 teams

The ten (10) winners from Round 4 will be joined by the six (6) National Premier League (NPL) clubs in the Brisbane Zone. Teams will be randomly drawn to play eight (8) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to Round 6.

Round 6 – 18 May

8 teams

The eight (8) winners from Round 5 will be randomly drawn to play four (4) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to Round 7.

Round 7 – 1-5 June

4 teams

The four (4) winners from Round 6 will be randomly drawn to play two (2) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to the FFA Cup Round of 32.

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Round 5 – 16 June

10 teams

From the ten (10) winners from Round 4 of the FFA Cup Qualifying, four (4) teams will be randomly drawn to play two (2) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches plus the remaining six (6) teams from Round 4 will progress to Round 6.

Round 6 – 1-3 July

8 teams

The eight (8) teams that progressed from Round 5 will be randomly drawn to play four (4) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to the Semi-Finals.

Semi-Finals – 5-7 August

4 teams

The four (4) winners from Round 6 will be randomly drawn to play two (2) matches. The first drawn team in each match will be nominated as the home team. The winners of these matches will progress to the Final.

Final – 27-28 August

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

PRIZE MONEY

To be advised.

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. These rules must be read in conjunction with the Football Brisbane Senior Rules of Competition. In the event of an omission or inconsistency between these Rules and the Senior Rules of Competition, Football Brisbane will determine and rule on the interpretation.
2. There will be only one team per club involved in the Cup competition and as such any player that is registered with that club will be eligible to play.
3. The team entered will be deemed to be the highest eligible team within that club.
4. Players are only eligible to play for one club during the Cup competition, so if they transfer clubs they cannot play for their new club.
5. The competition will be played under the Substitution Rule - each team can make up to three (3) substitutions in any given match, with no more than five (5) substitutes listed on the Match Sheet.
6. A player shall only be deemed to have played in a Cup match if he starts the match or comes on as a substitute. If his name is listed as a substitute on the team sheet and he does not come on as a substitute, he is not deemed to have played in the match.
7. A random draw for each round will be conducted by Football Brisbane.
8. In the event there is a clash of colours, it will be the responsibility of the **visiting team** to change into an alternative strip.
9. Footballs and all other match day requirements are provided by the home venue.
10. Match Officials' fees for FFA Cup Qualifying matches (Rounds 2-7) will be paid by FFA.
11. Match Officials' fees for Canale Cup matches will be shared equally by the two competing teams for all matches except for the Cup Final which will be paid by Football Brisbane.
12. A result shall be obtained from every game played.
 - 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
13. As the Cups 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). The player must have incurred the suspension in the first team of that club.