# **MEMO**

To: FNSW Football Associations and Clubs

From: Connor Ellis

Date: November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Subject: 2016 Westfield FFA Cup

Dear Sir/Madam,

Football NSW would like to formally invite teams to participate in the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds and the chance of progression to the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup Final Rounds.



All Senior Member Clubs of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's as well as Association teams are invited to participate in the 2016 competition.

Entry will be compulsory for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade of the PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's.

For Association Clubs, only one (1) team per Club will be permitted entry in the competition.

All Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Westfield FFA Cup which in 2016, will include participating Clubs across all states and territories with up to 600 Clubs nationally expected to compete in the Preliminary Rounds for a place in the Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Final Rounds (i.e. the Round of 32 onwards incorporating both Member Federation and Hyundai A-League Clubs).

Note: Western Sydney Wanderers, Sydney FC and Central Coast Mariners FC PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's teams will **NOT** be participating in the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup NSW Preliminary Rounds.

#### **Match Dates**

The following table outlines the match dates for the Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Preliminary Rounds.

Round	Number of Clubs	Dates (NO Round 2)	Dates (With Round 2)		
Round 2	TBC		Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016		
Round 3	116	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		
Round 4	80	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April		
Round 5	40	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April		
Round 6	20	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		
Round 7	10	Wednesday 18th May	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May		

As shown, FNSW Clubs will enter the 2016 Preliminary Rounds at Round 2 or 3 (pending total entrant numbers). In that regard, in 2016 the Preliminary Rounds will operate within a consistent national structure whereby Club entry into the competition will be staggered in each state/ territory





with the winning Clubs from Round 7 in each region gaining direct entry into the Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Final Rounds.

#### **Registration Fees**

The registration fee to participate in the Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Preliminary Rounds is as follows:

- \$300 (excluding GST) per Association, PlayStation 4 NPL 3 NSW Men's and Football NSW State League Men's teams;
- \$750 (excluding GST) per team for PlayStation 4 NPL NSW Men's and PlayStation 4 NPL 2 NSW Men's teams.

An additional registration fee will be payable for those Clubs that qualify for the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup Final Rounds as was the case in 2015.

#### **Match Sequence**

**Key:** ASSC (Associations), SLM (Football NSW State League Men's), PS4 NPL3 (PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 3) PS4 NPL2 (PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues 2), PS4 NPL (PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues).

Match	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Note
Matches	Round 2 will be played if	58	40	20	10	5	5 Winners progress through to 2016 Westfield FFA Cup Round of 32
Clubs		116	80	40	20	10	
Clubs/ Entry Level	Club entries exceed the limit in Round 3	92xASSC + 12xPS4 NPL3 + 12xMSL	58 Rd 3 Winners + 11xPS4 NPL + 11xPS4 NPL2	40 Rd 4 Winners	20 Rd 5 Winners	10 Rd 6 Winners	

### **Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Final Rounds**

FNSW has been allocated five (5) slots into the Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Final Rounds. Accordingly, the five (5) winning Clubs from Round 7 of the Preliminary Rounds will be provided entry into the Final Rounds. Further information regarding the Final Round Match Schedule and Draw Process will be provided to Clubs in early 2016.

<u>Note:</u> Blacktown City FC have already qualified for the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup Round of 32, as a result of winning the 2015 PS4 National Premier Leagues Final Series. Blacktown City FC will be the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) FNSW representative club in the Round of 32.

### Registrations

If your Club is successful and accepted to participate into the Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Preliminary Rounds, you will be required to register your Players on MyFootballClub (<u>including uploading of a photo</u>) prior to commencement of the competition. Registration guidelines to assist Clubs will be circulated, early 2016.

#### **General Information**

Football NSW will cover all referee fees for the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds. Should you have any further question please direct them via email to connore@footballnsw.com.au.

#### **Online Entry Form**

Football NSW are utilising the online entry form for the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds.

There are three (3) sections to the online entry form and all teams are required to submit an entry form even if you are a mandatory entrant:

- 1. Club Administration (Mandatory for all teams please note: Affiliated Associations if you're a FNSW State League Club please select FNSW)
- 2. Venue Details (is only Mandatory for Association Club teams)
- 3. Playing Kit (Mandatory for all Teams)

### Online Entry Form

## Entries Close: Friday 26th February 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season and we look forward to the 2016 Westfield FFA Cup.

Regards,

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