

These cups will be played in accordance with HSA 2026 Rules and Regulations and HSA Disciplinary Procedures will apply.

## **1. DARRYL KILL CUP (AAM PL1)**

This competition comprises two rounds of games comprising the four (4) teams which were initially nominated as Premier League 1 teams and a Grand Final match.

Cup Round matches will be played on April 11th.

These matches will be 20 minutes each way with a five (5) minute break at half time.

Points will be allocated for each cup round match in accordance with the table in Section 8 below.

The 1st and 2nd placed teams at the completion of the cup round matches will compete in the final on April 18th.

The final will be 30 minute halves with ten (10) minutes for half time.

For the final, ten (10) minutes each way added time if scores are level after regulation time followed by penalties.

## **2. LIBERALE CUP (AAM PL2)**

This competition comprises two rounds of games comprising the five (5) teams which were initially nominated as Premier League 2 teams and a Grand Final match.

Cup Round matches will be played on April 11th.

These matches will be 20 minutes each way with a five (5) minute break at half time.

Points will be allocated for each cup round match in accordance with the table in Section 8 below.

The 1st and 2nd placed teams at the completion of the cup round matches will compete in the final on April 18th.

The final will be 30 minute halves with ten (10) minutes for half time.

For the final, ten (10) minutes each way added time if scores are level after regulation time followed by penalties.

## **3. NOELENE MUNRO CUP (AAW PL1)**

This competition will comprise a Grand Final match between the two (2) teams which are nominated as Premier League 1 teams and available for the Association Cup.

Both teams will compete in the final on April 18th.

The final will be 30 minute halves with ten (10) minutes for half time.

For the final, ten (10) minutes each way added time if scores are level after regulation time followed by penalties.

## **4. CHRIS JACOBS CUP (AAW PL2)**

This competition is a round robin format comprising the four (4) teams which are nominated as Premier League 2 teams and a Grand Final match.

Round robin matches will be played on April 11th.

These matches will be 20 minutes each way with a five (5) minute break at half time.

Points will be allocated for each cup round match in accordance with the table in Section 8 below.

The 1st and 2nd placed teams at the completion of the round robin matches will compete in the final on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The final will be 30 minute halves with ten (10) minutes for half time.

For the final, ten (10) minutes each way added time if scores are level after regulation time followed by penalties.

## **5. GEORGE AULD CUP (AAM HL)**

This competition comprises two rounds of games comprising the (10) teams, split into two pools which have nominated for the Highlands League and a Grand Final match.

Cup Round matches will be played on April 11th.

These matches will be 20 minutes each way with a five (5) minute break at half time.

Points will be allocated for each cup round match in accordance with the table in Section 8 below.

The 1st placed team in each pool at the completion of the cup round matches will compete in the final on April 18th.

The final will be 30 minute halves with ten (10) minutes for half time.

For the final, ten (10) minutes each way added time if scores are level after regulation time followed by penalties.

## **6. UNDER 16 ASSOCIATION CUP (U16)**

This competition comprises two rounds of games comprising the three (3) teams which are nominated as Under 16 and a Grand Final match.

Round robin matches will be played on April 11th.

These matches will be 20 minutes each way with a five (5) minute break at half time.

Points will be allocated for each cup round match in accordance with the table in Section 8 below.

The 1st and 2nd placed teams at the completion of the cup round matches will compete in the final on April 18th.

The final will be 30 minute halves with ten (10) minutes for half time.

For the final, ten (10) minutes each way added time if scores are level after regulation time followed by penalties.

## **7. JAN PLAIN CUP (U14)**

This competition comprises two rounds of games comprising the five (5) teams which are nominated as Under 14 and a Grand Final match.

Cup Round matches will be played on April 11<sup>th</sup>.



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The 1st and 2nd placed teams at the completion of the cup round matches will compete in the final on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The final will be 30 minute halves with ten (10) minutes for half time.

For the final, ten (10) minutes each way added time if scores are level after regulation time followed by penalties.

## 8. MATCH RESULT POINTS

All Cup matches will have match result points awarded as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points
Bye	0 points
Win by forfeit	3 points (plus 3 goal difference)

(Note: Forfeit rules apply as per Rule (22) of HSA 2026 Rules and Regulations) Teams finishing on equal points will have final placings determined by goal difference.

## 9. DETERMINING LADDER POSITIONS

Ladder positions will be decided using:

1. Points (3 for a win, 1 for a draw)
2. Goal difference
3. Goals scored
4. Head-to-head result

## 10. ELIGIBILITY FOR 2026 ALL AGE CUPS

10.1. In Round 1 all players can play in any one (1) team. (In a round robin competition Round 1 is defined as the first game played by that team). This is the team that the player is now “cup tied” to.

10.2. In Round 2:

10.2.1. Players can play in the team that they played for in Round 1 and/or up in grade, but not down in grade.

10.2.2. Borrowed players (9.2.1) are not cup tied to the temporary team.

10.2.3. Only a maximum of three (3) players can be borrowed from each grade to make up to 12 players listed on the team sheet.

- 10.2.4. For competitions with more than one (1) club team, players from that club can only participate in the finals with the team that they have played the most number of games with. If they have played an equal number of games with each team then they must play with the highest placed team.
- 10.3. Teams must nominate nine (9) players for any forfeited match on a team sheet. The team sheet must be submitted as per HSA 2026 Rules and Regulations Rule 11.
- 10.4. For all HSA Cups, when a forfeit is unavoidable the lowest graded team(s) must forfeit before any higher graded team(s) within that same club. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the lowest graded team that did play being deemed ineligible for the match and the full penalty of HSA 2026 Rules and Regulations Rule 20 (K) will be applied in addition to HSA 2026 Rules and Regulations Rule 20 (C) to the team that did forfeit.
- 10.5. Five (5) interchange players will be permitted in these cups.

## 11. PLAYERS SENT FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY

In accordance with Rule (34.3) of HSA 2026 Rules and Regulations a player who has been sent from the field will not participate in another match on the same day. Any club who is found to have played a player who should have been stood down will be fined up to \$500 and the match will be awarded to the opponents with the score line reading three goals to nil (3 - 0).

## 12. MATCH SHEETS

- 12.1. Team and Match Officials must use electronic team sheets (ETS) within Dribl.

At the conclusion of a game:

The Match Official shall complete their section of the ETS with the score and note any players who have been cautioned or sent off using the codes as per Rules 33 and 34.

- 11.2 A Team Official from each Team shall review the ETS to confirm:
  - a) Half time and full-time scores are correct.
  - b) Goals scored are marked against the correct player .
  - c) Disciplinary sanctions are marked against the correct player.

11.3 In the case that Dribl is not functioning and an ETS is not available, Team officials from the HOME TEAM must provide paper team sheets. It is the responsibility of the HOME TEAM club recorder to ensure match results are entered into Dribl by 8.00pm on match day and that completed team sheets are scanned in a PDF format and emailed to the HSA Director of Records ([dir.records@hsa.org.au](mailto:dir.records@hsa.org.au)). The electronic copy of the team sheet is to be received by the Director of Records by Tuesday 11pm.



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## 13. TEAM OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

All team officials must comply with ALL requirements of Rule (10) of HSA 2026 Rules and Regulations including:

- 13.1. All coaches, managers & team officials must be registered with their Club.
- 13.2. All coaches, managers & team officials must display their identification cards (ID cards) on a lanyard around the neck external to all clothing *or* have a clear photo in Dribl:
  - 13.2.1. Whilst in the technical area of the playing field on which their team is playing.
  - 13.2.2. From 30 minutes prior to the fixture kick-off through to the conclusion of all post match official duties for, and on behalf of, the team and club.