2027 PRE-SEASON COMPETITION

WOMEN'S NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE AND WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE



30 January – 28 February



INTRODUCTION

The **2027 Women's National Premier League (WNPL)** and **Women's State League (WSL) Pre-Season Cup** provide an exciting opportunity for teams to prepare for the upcoming season. These pre-season tournaments allow clubs to test their squads, build team chemistry, and showcase their talent in a competitive environment.

The competition is split into two leagues, with each featuring:

- A **round-robin group stage**.
- A **final** where the top teams from each group will compete for the Pre-Season Cup title.

The tournaments will culminate in thrilling finals for each league, offering an early opportunity for teams to claim silverware before the start of the season.

Reserves will follow and have the same fixtures as their senior team. The Reserves competition are trial matches and will not compete for a trophy.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND STRUCTURE

Women's National Premier League Pre-Season Cup

Group Stage (League Format):

- **Teams**: 10 Teams were split into 5 'pots' based on the 2026 ladder positions.
- **Format**: Each team plays **4 matches**, facing one team from each other 'pot' once.
    - **No team will play another in their pot during the group stage**

Pots:

- **Pot 1**: West Adelaide, Salisbury Inter
- **Pot 2**: WT Birkalla, Adelaide Comets
- **Pot 3**: Campbelltown City, Football SA State Squad
- **Pot 4**: Adelaide University, MetroStars
- **Pot 5**: Sturt Lions, Adelaide City

Qualification: Points will be accumulated per the regular season with the teams finishing in first and second place at the end of Week 4 matches to progress to the **Pre-Season Cup Final**.

Fixtures

Week 1

West Adelaide vs WT Birkalla
Adelaide Comets vs Football SA State Squad
Campbelltown City vs MetroStars
Adelaide University vs Sturt Lions
Adelaide City vs Salisbury Inter

Week 2

Salisbury Inter vs Adelaide Comets
WT Birkalla vs Campbelltown City
Football SA State Squad vs Adelaide University
MetroStars vs Adelaide City
Sturt Lions vs West Adelaide

Week 3

Football SA State Squad vs West Adelaide
Adelaide City vs Campbelltown City
MetroStars vs Adelaide Comets
WT Birkalla vs Sturt Lions
Salisbury Inter vs Adelaide University

Week 4

Campbelltown City vs Salisbury Inter
Sturt Lions vs Football SA State Squad
Adelaide University vs WT Birkalla
West Adelaide vs MetroStars
Adelaide Comets vs Adelaide City

Final fixture details to be confirmed at a later date.

Women's State League Pre-Season Cup

Group Stage (Round Robin):

- **Teams**: 2 groups of 4 teams, based on the 2026 ladder positions.
- **Format**: Each team plays **3 matches**, facing every other team in their group once.

Groups:

- **Group A**: Flinders United, Western Strikers, Cove FC, South Adelaide
- **Group B**: Modbury Vista, Adelaide Jaguars, Modbury Jets, Elizabeth Grove

Qualification: The top team from each group will progress to the **WSL Pre-Season Cup Final**.

Fixtures

Week 1
Flinders United vs Western Strikers
Cove FC vs South Adelaide
Modbury Vista vs Adelaide Jaguars
Modbury Jets vs Elizabeth Grove

Week 2
Western Strikers vs South Adelaide
Cove FC v Flinders United
Adelaide Jaguars vs Elizabeth Grove
Modbury Jets vs Modbury Vista

Week 3
South Adelaide vs Flinders United
Western Strikers vs Cove FC
Elizabeth Grove vs Modbury Vista
Adelaide Jaguars vs Modbury Jets

Final fixture details to be confirmed at a later date.

WNPL/WSL PRE SEASON CUP FINALS STRUCTURE

- **WNPL Final**: The 1st and 2nd placed team will meet in the **Final** on **the weekend of 26 -28 February 2027.** The Grand Final will be played at the home venue of the highest qualified team.

- **WSL Final**: The highest-placed team from each group will meet on **the weekend of 19 – 21 February 2027**. The Grand Final will be played at the home venue of the highest qualified team.

Tournament Timeline

Weekend	WNPL Matches	WSL Matches
30 - 31 January	Round 1	Round 1
4, 5, 8 February	Round 2	Round 2
12 – 14 February	Round 3	Round 3
19 – 21 February	Round 4	Grand Final
26 – 28 February	Grand Final	-

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Venue Requirements:
All games must be played at a venue which meets the minimum requirements of the Women's State League Competition.

Changerooms:
Clubs hosting games must ensure that both teams are allocated a change room and that the Referees are also allocated a change room.

Match Length:
All matches: 2 x 45-minute halves

Grand Final:
If at the end of normal time, the game is drawn. The game will be determined by penalties. No extra-time will be played.

Ground Stewards:
Each team will still be required to have one (1) ground steward present. Three (3) ground stewards are required if there is an unfenced venue.

Match Balls:
The designated home team for each game is responsible for providing the match balls for each week of the competition. These must be provided to the Referee no later than 30 minutes prior to the game.

Referee Fees:
The home team will cover the cost of the Referee Fees. Football SA will be responsible for the payment of the Referee Fees for the Final. Match official fees to be confirmed in the lead up to the preseason competition.

Registration:
All players must be registered to be eligible to play in the competition. Players must be registered and approved through the play football online registration system.

Match Sheets:
Each club will be required to use a match sheet through Dribl. Teams can have up to 23 players listed on the match sheet. All games will be played under interchange rules, with all players listed being able to be used. Referees will be responsible for the management of interchange based on stoppage of play.

Playing Strip Allocation:
It is the responsibility of the away side to ensure there isn't a clash of strip colours for the preseason competition. If you are unsure what the home team will be wearing, the away team should contact the home team prior to the fixture. The away side should bring their first choice and their alternative playing strip to the game. The final decision regarding clashing of playing kits rest with the match official.