

FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA DMC

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVERVIEW



DMC | KEY ASPECTS

National Team Football

- A-League/ W-League will cease play in FIFA Windows* and for AFC tournaments allowing the football community to focus on key events in the calendar without conflict
- This enables National Team football to be central in the calendar during FIFA and AFC tournament windows, and for players to achieve greater high level match minutes for both club and country

* FIFA created an extra window in January 2022 due to COVID. Football Australia will grant APL a special exemption to play through this window, but release of players remains mandated

Transfer Windows

- FIFA has changed the rule around Transfer Windows (registration periods) allowing member associations only 2 'windows' per season. (1x 12 week & 1x 4 week)
- These Transfer Windows are for all professionally contracted players, so must function for both tiers and for both domestic transfers and international transfers into Australian competitions

Men's and Women's NPL competitions align

- NPL competitions will align finish dates across the country to maximise connection
- Incorporates a placeholder for a National Second Tier (NST) as an important first step towards connecting the pyramid

Cup Competitions

- FFA Cup* final will be last match of Football Australia Men's Season (*Subject to name change)
- Football Australia plans to build a National Cup competition for Women's Football

Defined Season

- The Football Australia season (29 Oct 2021 - 28 October 2022) is designed to unite the game at all levels
- For Men's Football it will start with the A-League from October 30, 2021 and finish with the FFA Cup Final October 15, 2022
- For Women's Football it will start with the W-League from November 13, 2021 and finish with NPLW Finals Day on 25 September, 2022

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KEY DATES



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Football Australia Season

Friday 29 October 2021
Friday 28 October 2022

First Game - A-League Season Rnd 1

Saturday 30 October, 2021

Last Game - FFA Cup Final
Saturday 15 October 2022

A-League Season

Saturday 30 October 2021 -
Saturday 28 May 2022

NPL Season

Saturday 19 February -
Sunday 11 September, 2022

Transfer Windows

1. 12 Weeks
26 July - 18 October 2021
2. 4 Weeks
14 January - 10 February 2022

FIFA Windows

2021
8-16 November

2022
24 January - 1 February
21 - 29 March
30 May - 14 June
1-19 June (AFC Cup U23)
19 - 27 September

DMC WOMENS

Football Australia Season

Friday 29 October 2021
Friday 28 October 2022

First Game - W-League R1
Saturday 13 November, 2021

Last Game - NPLW Finals Day
Sunday 25 September, 2022

W-League Season

Saturday 13 November, 2021
Sunday 3 April, 2022*

*Date TBC

NPLW Season

Saturday 9 April -
Sunday 25 September, 2022

Transfer Windows

1. 12 Weeks
3 August - 25 October, 2021
2. 4 Weeks
15 March - 12 April, 2022

FIFA Windows

2021
18-26 October
22 November - 1 December

2022
20 January - 6 February (AFC Cup)
14 - 23 February
4 - 12 April
20-28 June
29 August - 6 September
3-11 October

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MEN'S DETAILS



Unite/Align all levels:

The DMC organises competitions at all levels to maximise opportunities for connection, sponsorship, improve player pathways, and make possible a Domestic Transfer System (DTS)



Connect Pyramid:

In 2022, Football Australia have created a placeholder for a competition simultaneous to NPL seasons to allow NPL teams to play nationally



Increase Match minutes:

FIFA Windows observed so players don't miss club matches when playing for country

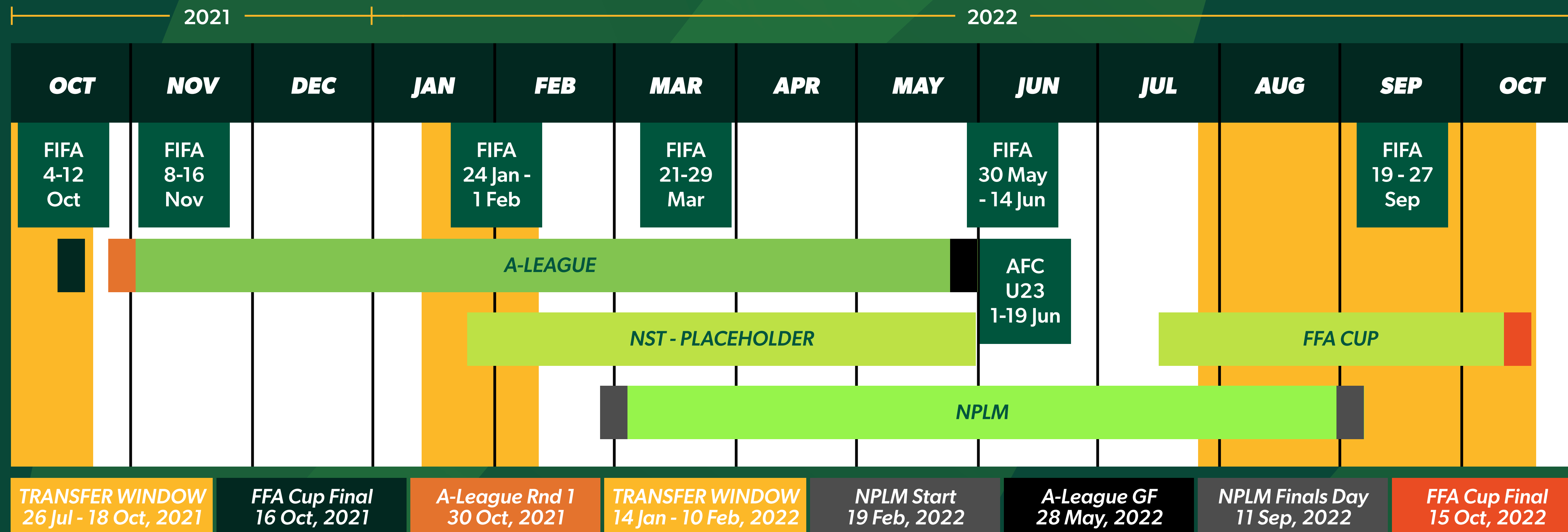


Player Welfare:

Spacing between end of A-League and Rnd of 32 in FFA Cup allows for players to rest as per PFA / APL agreement

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MEN'S



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WOMEN'S DETAILS



Unite/Align All Levels:

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Competition Structure:

Allows for expanded W League - 16 weekends outside of FIFA windows to play full H/A season (10 teams) * require 4x mid-week

Option to introduce National Cup Competition for Women - "Legacy Cup" concept for NPLW



Increase Match Minutes:

Minimal overlap of W-League/ NPLW allowing for player transfers

FIFA Windows observed so players don't miss club matches when playing for country



Player Welfare:

Rest period for players varies by whether they only play W-League or if they continue into NPLW - PFA to assist

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WOMEN'S

