

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE



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ABLE TO ADD ADDITIONAL
U-23 PLAYERS
TO SUBSTITUTE BENCH FOR
UPCOMING SEASON

Football Federation Australia (FFA) today confirmed that the Hyundai A-League Competition Regulations have been amended to allow clubs to add up to an extra two players on the substitute bench subject to conditions.

FFA Head of Leagues said that this update to the Hyundai A-League Competition Regulations will help with the development of young footballers in the Hyundai A-League.

"This initiative is designed to promote opportunities for U-23 players from Australia for all Hyundai A-League clubs based in Australia and for Wellington Phoenix an opportunity for both U23 Australian and New Zealand players,"

"It allows clubs an advantage of up to 7 substitutes should they have 3 x U-23 players on the match day starting list.

"It is envisaged that this initiative will provide clubs with the opportunity to include more young players in the match day squad and, by extending the number of players on the bench, will also allow the coaching staff more options on game day."

"We expect to see teams both home and away take advantage of this change in policy from Round 1.

"The ability to get more game time for our younger players is critical to their development both as Hyundai A-League players and also for National team selection.

"I would like to thank the FFA Board for considering this

amendment and approving for the upcoming Hyundai A-League season," concluded O'Rourke.

The amendments to the Hyundai A-League Competition Regulations provide that a Club may now:

- (i) select six (6) Players as substitutes on the Starting List, including one (1) goalkeeper, provided that:
 - (A) for all Clubs (ex. Wellington Phoenix), at least two (2) of the Players selected on the Starting List, either in the starting XI or as a substitute, are:
 - (1) eligible to be called up for Australian National Teams; and
 - (2) born on or after 1 January 1996; and
 - (B) for Wellington Phoenix, at least two (2) of the Players selected on the Starting List, either in the starting XI or as a substitute, are:
 - (1) eligible to be called up for Australian or New Zealand National Teams; and

- (2) born on or after 1 January 1996; or
- (ii) select seven (7) Players as substitutes on the Starting List, including one (1) goalkeeper, provided that:
 - (A) for all Clubs (ex. Wellington Phoenix), at least three (3) of the Players selected on the Starting List, either in the starting XI or as a substitute, are:
 - (1) eligible to be called up for Australian National Teams; and
 - (2) born on or after 1 January 1996; and
 - (B) for Wellington Phoenix, at least three (3) of the Players selected on the Starting List, either in the starting XI or as a substitute, are:
 - (1) eligible to be called up for Australian or New Zealand National Teams; and
 - (2) born on or after 1 January 1996.

Duke double earns Wanderers A-League win

Mitchell Duke has converted a late penalty awarded after VAR intervention to complete a double in Western Sydney's 2-1 A-League home win over Central Coast.

Captain Mitchell Duke's double has earned Western Sydney a 2-1 opening-round A-League home victory over Central Coast, with the winner coming from a penalty after VAR intervention.

Around four minutes elapsed from the time of the incident on Saturday evening before Duke blasted home the spot-kick.

Highly regarded Iranian referee Alireza Faghani, officiating his first A-League game since moving to Australia, awarded the penalty for a Dylan Fox hand ball, after reviewing the incident following a break in play.

Duke headed a 41st-minute equaliser from a Pirmin Schwegler corner, five

minutes after Mariners A-League debutant Milan Duric gave the visitors the lead with a fierce, deflected 20-metre drive.

The Mariners came desperately close to salvaging a point at the death, but Swiss goalkeeper Daniel Lopar made a double save to preserve the Wanderers' lead.

Western Sydney had more chances through the game, but the Mariners always looked threatening on the counter and also had other opportunities to score.

A crowd of 17,091 attended the Wanderers' first A-League game in more than three years at their rebuilt stadium.

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ΟΜΑΔΕΣ	ΑΓ.	Ν.	Ι.	Η.	ΓΚΟΛ	ΒΑΘΜ.
1 Σίδνεϊ	1	1	0	0	3:2	3
2 Σίδνεϊ Ουόντερερς	1	1	0	0	2:1	3
3 Western United	1	1	0	0	1:0	3
4 Περθ Γκλόρι	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
5 Μπρισμπέιν Ρόαρ	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
6 Μέλμπουρν Βίκτορι	1	0	1	0	0:0	1
7 Μέλμπουρν Σιτι	1	0	1	0	0:0	1
8 Νιουκάστλ Τζετς	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
9 Αδελαΐδα Γιουνάιτεντ	1	0	0	1	2:3	0
10 Σέντραλ Κόστ Μάρινερς	1	0	0	1	1:2	0
11 Ουέλιγκτον Φίνιξ	1	0	0	1	0:1	0