

2023 WAFC Year 11/12 Competition Rules

BACKGROUND

All competitions managed by the West Australian Football Commission are played as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football. In addition to the AFL Laws of Australian Football, the below local rules apply to all Year 11/12 competitions to ensure fair and even competitions.

Coaches must endeavour to coach players within the spirit that these rules were intended (refer to WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations, Rule 1 – Spirit of Junior Football.)

COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.13A – ‘Ground Preparation’, ground sizes should be set as 135m – 185m (L) x 110m – 155m (W).
1b. Football	Female: Size 4 leather footballs Male: Size 5 leather footballs
1c. Number of Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Numbers on the field should always be even. ii. Female: 16-a-side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maximum of 5 players on the bench iii. Male: 18-a-side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maximum of 5 players on the bench <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon request to the WAFC, exemptions may be granted for a team wishing to utilise 7 players on the bench
1d. Match Length	Female: 4x 15-minute quarters Male: 4x 20-minute quarters.
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. General	Rules as per AFL Laws of Australian Football
2b. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3c. Out of Bounds FEMALE COMPETITION ONLY	<p>Last Possession Rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent. ii. If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent. iii. If the ball is off hands or a player’s body, a ball-up is to occur 10 metres in from the boundary line. <p>If there is any doubt as to who’s free kick it is, a ball-up is to occur 10 metres in from the boundary line.</p>
3. COMPETITION RULES	
3a. Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Scoring and match results are permitted. ii. Premiership points and ladders are permitted. iii. Finals are played
3b. Awards	Best players and goal kickers may be recorded and awarded at this level.
4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY	
4a. Temporary Play Ups	Please see 2023 Competition Rules – Eligibility & Finals Qualifications for details.
4b. Player Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In 2023, players are no longer permitted to move from one team to another team in a different grade, in the same Club during the season.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Each team is to be treated as a separate entity, as per other age groups
<p>4c. WAFL / WAFLW Players</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No player may participate in WAFL / WAFWLW Competition matches and Community Football on the same weekend. ii. If a player is found to have played in both Competitions in the same weekend, they may be deemed an ineligible player and the game will be recorded as a forfeit.
<p>4d. Finals</p>	<p>Unique criteria are applied to WAFL / WAFLW and non-WAFL/WAFLW players, please see 2023 Competition Rules – Eligibility & Finals Qualifications for details.</p>