

CLUB CIRCULAR: 2021.01 – 26/03/2021

Subject: 2021 Final Version Junior Football Rules and Regulations

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Audience: **Junior Club Presidents**
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<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Final version of Rules and Regulations for Community Football in 2021 has been published on KIA Club Hub.• The inclusion of the AFL's new rules regarding standing on the mark and kick-ins in Junior Football is outlined below.	<p>Club Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribute KIA Club Hub link to all Team Coaches & Managers.• Ensure a physical or e-copy is available for all Match Day Officials.• Discuss new rules with Coaches and players.
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WAFC 2021 Junior Football policies, Rules and Regulations.

The Junior Club Manual has been finalised for 2021 and uploaded to [KIA Club Hub](#) website. This includes Junior By-Laws, Codes of Conducts, Policies and a range of other relevant information for Junior Clubs.

The Junior Club Manual can be downloaded in its entirety or each section is available as a standalone document.

All competitions across Western Australia that have divisions within the Year 3 to Year 12 range are governed by the by-laws within the Junior Club Manual. If a league wishes to operate outside the by-laws of the Junior Club Manual, they must annually seek approval from the WAFC for an exemption.

2021 Rules and Regulations Review:

The WAFC Competition Team has previously reviewed the rules and regulations at the conclusion of the season. In 2021 we will be bringing a primary review forward in 2021 to allow for feedback from players, coaches and administrators while the season is live. We have also incorporated watermarking to all copies of Rules and Regs to minimise confusion over use of previous versions.

AFL - New rules for 2021.

New Rule: Standing on the mark.

Junior Community Football will adopt the same rule as per the AFL. This means the defending player must stand (or jump up and down vertically) on the mark until the umpire calls play on. The protected area size for players remains unchanged.

New Rule: Protected space for kick-ins.

Junior Community Football will adopt the same rule as per the AFL on full sized ovals, allowing a 15m protected space to bring the ball back into play. For any modified sized oval, the distance will be reduced to 10m.

The below link will be an updated video presentation which can be used to present this information to club umpires and coaches as required.

[2021 Laws Adjustments – Video Presentation](#)

AFL Rules & Policies - Concussion

The AFL has not yet released the Community Guidelines for an updated Concussion Policy. The WAFC will review the new policy as soon as it is available and will inform clubs of any new criteria that must be adhered to via an official Circular, prior to the season starting. All clubs must treat concussion and all injuries with the utmost importance to ensure the player's wellbeing is at the forefront of any decisions whether the player should return to train and/or play.

Further Information:

If clarification of any rules is required, Clubs should contact their Competition Team Leaders or Regional League Representative who will work with the WAFC Competitions Team to resolve.
