

# 2023 WAFC Year 9 & 10 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 9 – Year 10 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.)

Please note that where mixed year group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower year group shall be applied.

## COMPETITION RULES

| 1. MATCH OPERATIONS             |  |
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| <b>1a. Ground Size</b>          | As per WAFC POL.13A – ‘Ground Preparation’, ground sizes should be set as follows:<br><b>Year 9/10 Female:</b> 120m – 150m (L) x 90m – 120m (W).<br><b>Year 9:</b> 120m – 150m (L) x 90m – 120m (W).<br><b>Year 10:</b> 135m – 185m (L) x 110m – 155m (W).   |
| <b>1b. Football</b>             | <b>Male and Female:</b> Size 4 leather footballs   |
| <b>1c. Number of Players</b>    | <b>15-a-side:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Maximum of 5 players on the bench <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Upon request to the WAFC, exemptions may be granted for a team wishing to utilise 7 players on the bench</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Numbers on the field should always be even</li> </ul>  |
| <b>1d. Match Length</b>         | <b>Year 9/10 Female:</b> 4x 15-minute quarters<br><b>Year 9 and Year 10:</b> 4x 20-minute quarters.  |
| 2. GENERAL MATCH RULES          |  |
| <b>2a. General</b>              | Rules as per AFL Laws of Australian Football   |
| <b>2b. Positions</b>            | 5 forwards, 3 midfielders, 2 wings & 5 defenders or as per <b>WAFC POL.13D Game Day Even Up &amp; Field Positions Policy.</b>  |
| <b>2c. Out of Bounds</b>        | <b>Last Possession Rule:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>ii. If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>iv. 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.</li> </ul> |
| <b>2d. Protected Area</b>       | The protected area at this level is 5 metres.  |
| <b>2e. Order-off Rule</b>       | To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.   |
| 3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY           |  |
| <b>3a. Temporary Play Ups</b>   | Please see <b>2023 WAFC Competition Rules – Eligibility &amp; Finals Qualification</b> for details.  |
| <b>3b. Player Movement</b>      | Players are not permitted to play for another team in the same age group.  |
| <b>3c. WAFL / WAFLW Players</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. No player may participate in WAFL / WAFLW Competition matches and Community Football on the same weekend.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>3d. Finals</b>               | Unique criteria are applied to WAFL / WAFLW and non-WAFL/WAFLW players, please see <b>2023 WAFC Competition Rules – Eligibility &amp; Finals Qualification</b> for details.  |