



WA FOOTBALL COMMISSION

2019 JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the Community Football Rules & Regulations for all Junior and Youth competitions conducted by the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC). These competitions shall be played according to the AFL Laws of Australian Football and any modified form of Australian Football as amended by the Australian Football League (AFL) or the WAFC.

1. SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Every participant understands that Football in Western Australia is delivered to the Community with the Spirit of the Game in mind.

It is incumbent on every participant irrespective of their place in the game, to ensure that they will;

- 1.1. **Not focus on winning at all costs** and understand that the role of Junior & Youth Football is to foster the development of players, volunteers, umpires, coaches and officials. Learning to win and lose is part of the developmental journey of a participant but must remain secondary to the primary focus of player development.
- 1.2 Maximise the enjoyment and development of Junior & Youth footballers.
- 1.3 Provide our children with a game environment that is safe, fun and fair.
- 1.4 Ensure that the values which add to the spirit of our game, which include fairness, equality, respect and teamwork are encouraged and celebrated.
- 1.5 Uphold, promote and protect the Rules, Laws, Codes, Policies and Spirit of the game.
- 1.6 Not accept poor behaviours around our game and deter practices that undermine our games environments (coaching, playing, volunteering, spectating and umpiring).
- 1.7 Adhere to any directive issued by the games controlling bodies in the best interests of achieving the above.
- 1.8 Coaches should adopt an athlete centred coaching philosophy.

2. SUPPORTING UMPIRES OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Umpires play a key role in the successful delivery of Community Football. Coaches, officials, players and parents play a vital role in developing the highest quality umpires.

- 2.1 All team players, officials, parents and spectators are expected to adhere to the following; WA Football has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** stance against any form of umpire or official abuse, verbal dissent, intimidation or disputing of decisions.
- 2.2 Players, officials, parents and spectators are not permitted to comment about an umpire or the performance of an umpire in any way other than in writing to the Umpires Coach.
- 2.3 Only the Captain or Team Manager from either team can approach an umpire during the breaks in a match. The Captain or Team Manager cannot question decisions, interpretations or question the free kick count.

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3. INTERPRETATION & DEFINITIONS

Arena	The playing field and all the area between the playing field and the perimeter fence, including any break in the perimeter fence
Club	Any junior football club which affiliates with the DFDC/RFDC through membership.
Community Football Appeal Board	An appeal tribunal convened by a Junior Competition.
Community Football Tribunal	An independent tribunal acting on behalf of Community Football in WA.
Competition	The specific division in which a team has fixtures matches.
Development Squad Player	Any player who played in a WAFL Development Squad match in the past 12 months.
DFDC	District Football Development Council
DFDC Executive	A sub-group established by the DFDC which may include Chairperson, Competition Director, WAFL Club Representative and any other persons.
Forms	Refers to either paper based or electronic based forms.
JCC	A Junior Competition Committee made up of Competition Director, Assistant Competition Director, Registrar and WAFC Development Officer/Manager and Junior Club Representatives.
JCC Executive	A group appointed by a JCC (or multiple JCCs in a Conference model) to make decisions in relation to the competition. This may include Competition Director/s, Assistant Competition Director, Registrar and WAFC Staff Member.
Juniors	Persons who play football within the boundaries of the DFDC/RFDC up to the age determined from time to time by the WAFC.
Junior Match Committee	A group established by the JCC Executive to classify Reportable Offences.
Match Day Checklist	A venue checklist as provided by the insurer to complete prior to matches, currently the JLT Match Day Checklist.
Member	A club or person elected to membership of the DFDC /RFDC.
Open Competition	Any competition that is open to: Males: Auskick to Year 12 Females: Auskick to Year 9 As opposed to female only competitions.
Perimeter Fence	The physical barrier surrounding the playing field. Where an arena does not have a perimeter fence, then the perimeter fence shall be interpreted as being located 10m outside and parallel to the playing field.
Playing Field	The field of play inside the boundary line, goal line and behind line, excluding the area between such lines and the perimeter fence.
Registration System	The WAFC adopts the Sports TG Footyweb registration and competition management system.
RFDC	Regional Football Development Council
RFDC Executive	A sub-group established by the RFDC which may include Chairperson, Competition Director, WAFL Club Representative and any other persons.
WAFC	West Australian Football Commission, or an authorised representative of the West Australian Football Commission.

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SECTION 2: COMPETITION GOVERNANCE

4. COMPETITIONS

- 4.1 The WAFC shall arrange inter-club football competitions in specific age groups for players registered with junior clubs of the DFDC/RFDC or other relevant body.
- 4.2 The DFDC/RFDC may divide the area within its jurisdiction into sub-districts. It is recommended that all players residing within an allocated area play for the aligned club. The DFDC/RFDC may alter, vary or add to the boundaries of its sub-districts as it sees fit.

5. SCRATCH MATCHES

Clubs may arrange scratch/practice matches outside of WAFC fixtured competitions. For insurance purposes:

- 5.1 All scratch matches must be played within the WAFC Policies and Rules & Regulations
- 5.2 All players must be registered through the WAFC approved registration system or fall within the four-week prospective members clause.

6. RULES & REGULATIONS, POLICIES & CODES OF CONDUCT

All clubs, players, parents, spectators and officials are bound by the WAFC's Junior & Youth Football Policies and True Sport Codes of Conduct and are subject to penalties at the discretion of the WAFC for any breach.

7. DISPUTES & APPEALS

Should any dispute or objection arise as to the meaning or interpretation of any of these Rules & Regulations, the WAFC shall settle such dispute or objection.

Clubs are entitled to appeal penalties for any breach of the WAFC's Junior and Youth Football Rules & Regulations or Policies on the grounds that the penalty provided was not fair and reasonable given the circumstances. The WAFC will convene an independent appeal panel.

Request to Appeal:

- 7.1 E-Points cannot be appealed.
- 7.2 A club shall submit a written communication addressed to the relevant DFDC/RFDC requesting to appeal a penalty within 48 hours of receiving notification of the penalty, accompanied by a \$250 bond. Within the written request to appeal the club will outline why the grounds for the penalty were not fair and reasonable.

Appeal Panel:

- 7.3 The DFDC/RFDC will convene an appeal panel to determine whether the penalty was fair and reasonable based on the evidence provided and any new additional evidence provided by the club.
- 7.4 DFDC or RFDC members may sit on the appeals panel however they must be independent to the case.

Appeal Hearing:

- 7.5 If circumstances prevail whereby a hearing must be heard prior to the clubs next match, the DFDC/RFDC will make a reasonable attempt for this to occur.
- 7.6 The Appeal Panel may use its full discretion to gather and take into account any relevant evidence in making its determination.

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- 7.7 A club attending an appeal hearing may be represented by an advocate. An advocate may not be a legal practitioner.

Appeal Decision:

- 7.8 The appeal panel shall not dismiss any case on grounds of technicality.
- 7.9 The decision of the appeal panel must be communicated back to the club within a reasonable period of time after the decision has been made.

8. ALTERATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS

Should any situation arise which is not covered in these Rules & Regulations, then the WAFC Policies and Codes of Conduct shall apply.

- 8.1 The WAFC Football Affairs Committee may elect to resolve any matter, which is not provided for in these Rules & Regulations and any such resolution shall immediately become an amendment to the Rules & Regulations and shall automatically be included herein.
- 8.2 Any variation (exemptions) to these Rules & Regulations must be submitted to the WAFC Football Affairs Committee via the WAFC for ratification prior to implementation.
- 8.3 The WAFC will circulate any authorised exemptions to these Rules & Regulations prior to the commencement of the football season.

SECTION 3: SEASON ADMINISTRATION

9. YEAR GROUPS

- 9.1 Any player who is repeating Year 12 at school is not eligible to play in the Year 12 competition and should be encouraged to join a senior community competition.
- 9.2 On application to the WAFC, a player may be eligible to play up a MAXIMUM of one year group only.
- 9.3 A player who does not meet the Physical Development Criteria or the Disability criteria for a play down must apply to the WAFC in writing for approval.
- 9.4 With reference to combined year groups, the WAFC or controlling body will make the final determination regarding play up applications. It is generally considered that only top aged players are eligible to play up a year group.
- 9.5 The granting of any such request shall apply only to the current season and can be subject to review by the WAFC during the course of the current season.
- 9.6 A player who is playing down due to their current school year group, must supply a letter from the school confirming that they are attending school in the year group in which they are playing.

Physical Development Criteria

Players must apply to the WAFC for permission to play down an age group during the current season.

- 9.7 Approval will only be granted if the player submits written authority by a sports physician or doctor along with their application to play down an age group. The written authority should specify that the participant falls below the fifth percentile for height or weight.
- 9.8 A player granted permission to play down an age group will be eligible for the fairest and best votes for the grade in which they have received permission to play.
- 9.9 The granting of any such request shall apply to the current season only.

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Disability – Physical and Intellectual

A player with a disability that limits their ability to play, may apply to the WAFC for permission to play down one or more age group during the current season.

- 9.10 Approval will only be granted if the player submits written authority by a sports physician or registered medical practitioner along with their application to play down an age group.
- 9.11 A player granted permission to play down an age group will be eligible for the fairest and best votes for the grade in which they have received permission to play.
- 9.12 The granting of any such request shall apply to the current season only.

10. CLUB OFFICIALS

Each Club shall elect Club administrators and officials who will be responsible for the effective and efficient operation of the Club. These officials may include:

- 10.1 President, Committees, Delegates to the JCC and other required officials whom will be elected as per each club's constitution.
- 10.2 Each Club shall elect or appoint a Registrar who shall be responsible for the registration of players for that Club and shall keep a record of the achievements of those players as may be required. The Club Registrar shall be responsible for managing any changes to the personal details of any players registered with that Club in accordance with the WAFC approved registration system.
- 10.3 All District and Club volunteers may be subject to a Working with Children Check as per legislative requirements.
- 10.4 Clubs are to have in place a policy on 'Duty of Care' relevant to Club and Team officials. When adults have responsibility of care for children, Clubs must ensure the safety, health and protection of children. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of its Club and Team officials in line with WA Football Policies.

11. REGISTRATION

No player shall be eligible to take part in any match under the control of the WAFC until an online registration form is completed and approved through the WAFC approved Registration System.

- 11.1 Players must not alter their name or date of birth in order to register via the Registration System.
- 11.2 Players are not permitted to be registered and play in more than one Club and/or District/Region which is playing in a single Junior Competition.
- 11.3 A Club Official must witness the birth registration number, State or country of birth or other authentication of birth date prior to playing a match.

Females may participate in Open football until and including Year 9.

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SECTION 4: TRIBUNAL GUIDELINES

12. INTRODUCTION & SCOPE

The Tribunal Guidelines are adopted by DFDC and Country Junior Competitions to provide clubs, players and officials with clear guidelines for those who commit reportable offences.

The span of the Tribunal Guidelines is outlined below:

- Team Officials – Year 3 to Year 12
- Players – Year 7 to Year 12

13. PROCESS

Report

The Junior Match Committee will assess all reports potential Reportable Offences. Reportable Offences can be reported by the following groups:

- Umpire
- Umpire Coach
- Competition Official
- WAFC Staff Member

All Notice of Reports are to be received by **12pm Monday** after the match is played.

The Junior Match Committee will gather the required information relevant to making a decision on whether a charge is made.

Determination of type of offence and appropriate charge

Following the review of each report or referral, the Junior Match Committee will determine whether the charge is appropriate and alter the charge if required. There are three types of Reportable Offences:

- A low level offence
- A classifiable offence
- A direct to tribunal offence (referred directly to the community football tribunal)

The Junior Match Committee will inform the player and their club president whether or not a reported or referred player has been charged and the corresponding base sanction for that charge by **5pm Monday** after the match is played.

Options available to the player or official charged with a reportable offence

A player or official charged with a Reportable Offence may:

- Submit an early guilty plea, in which case the relevant sanction for the Reportable Offence will apply subject to a reduction available as a result of the early guilty plea as per grading table.
- Contest a charge at the Community Football Tribunal using evidence to show they are not guilty of the classifiable offence or guilty of a lesser charge.

The player or official charged must submit their Option by **12pm Tuesday** after the match is played.

Timelines may be adjusted at the discretion of the WAFC under exceptional circumstances.

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Tribunal Hearing

The tribunal will hear a charge for which a Player or Official had pleaded not guilty or has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge. The tribunal may find the Player or Official guilty of the original charge, a lesser charge or not guilty of any charge. The tribunal will determine the appropriate sanction within the Standard Range of Penalties for the Reportable Offence if it finds the player guilty of a Reportable Offence.

Unless requested for attendance by the Tribunal Chairman, Umpires or Victims may provide evidence prior to the Tribunal hearings however must be available to be contacted by the Tribunal Chairman during the hearing period if required.

Players, Officials and Umpires are permitted to be accompanied by an advocate however this advocate may not be a legal practitioner. An advocate will only be permitted to provide evidence on the Player, Official or Umpires behalf.

The Community Football Tribunal will operate within the Community Football Tribunal Guidelines

Appeal Hearing

A player or official may decide to appeal the decision of the Tribunal to the Community Football Appeal Board based on the severity of the sentence provided being unreasonable. All appeal lodgements must include new evidence that illustrates that the penalty was unreasonable accompanied by \$250 non-refundable fee.

The JCC Executive also reserves the right to appeal decisions of the Tribunal to the Community Football Appeal Board based on the severity of the sentence provided being unreasonable.

The Community Football Appeals Board will operate within the Community Football Tribunal Guidelines.

14. REPORTABLE OFFENCES

A reportable offence occurs where a Player or Official commits any of the offences set out in Law 19.2.2 of the Laws of Australian Football. Broadly speaking there are three categories of Reportable Offences - Low Level, Classifiable, and Direct to Tribunal Offences.

Any Offence defined in the AFL Laws of the Game but not specified in these Tribunal Guidelines will be categorised as Direct to Tribunal Offences.

Low Level Offences

List of Low Level Offences

The following are low-level offences which do not require classification however may be addressed by the Junior Match Committee through issuing of a Yellow or Red Card. In the case of a red card, the player will receive an automatic 1 match suspension.

If relevant and appropriate evidence is present, the Competition Officials have the powers to:

- Issue Yellow & Red Cards
- Upgrade a Yellow Card to a Red Card
- Downgrade a Red Card

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Low Level Offences cannot be taken to the Community Football Tribunal:

- Attempting to strike, kick or trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg
- Careless contact with an umpire
- Spitting at another player
- Engaging in a Melee, except where a Player's sole intention is to remove a Player from the same Team from the incident
- Engaging in an act of staging
- Making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured Player
- Using abusive, insulting, or obscene language
- Engaging in Time Wasting
- Throwing or pushing a Player after that Player has taken a mark, disposed of the ball or after the ball is out of play
- Wrestling another person
- Use of an obscene gesture
- Disputing a decision of an Umpire
- Pinching another person
- Interfering with a Player Kicking for Goal
- Failing to leave the Playing Surface when directed to do so by an Umpire
- Intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another Player is preparing to Kick or is Kicking for Goal or after the Player has kicked for Goal and the football is in transit
- Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Law 9
- Any other act of low-level misconduct which is not a Classifiable Offence or Direct Tribunal Offence

Classifiable Offences

List of Classifiable Offences

The following offences are Reportable Offences that are graded by the Junior Match Committee to determine an appropriate base sanction:

- Striking another person
- Kicking another person
- Kneeing another person
- Stomping on another person
- Charging another person
- Engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstance is unreasonable
- Bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that Player has their head down over the football
- Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire
- Head-butting an opponent or making contact to an opponent using the head;
- Eye-gouging an opponent or making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of an opponent;
- Making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of an opponent;
- Scratching another person
- Tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg
- Using abusive, insulting or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire

Note: WAFC or Competition Officials may use their discretion to establish an appropriate prescribed penalty for Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire.

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Grading of Classifiable Offences

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Intentional	Severe	All	Tribunal	N/A
	High	High/Groin	Tribunal	N/A
		Body	4 Matches	3 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	1 Match
	Careless	Severe	All	Tribunal
High		High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
Medium		High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	1 Match
Low		High/Groin	1 Match	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Yellow Card/Reprimand

As indicated in the table above, the determination of a base sanction for a Classifiable Offence will be made based on an assessment of whether:

1. The conduct is Intentional or Careless
2. The impact is Severe, High, Medium or Low; and
3. The Contact with the other Player/Official is High/Groin or to the Body

All penalties (Base Sanction and Early Guilty Plea) will be doubled if the player or official has been found guilty of a reportable offence within the past 12 months.

Reduction in base sanction for early guilty plea

The base sanction for Classifiable Offences will be subsequently decreased where a player submits an early guilty plea.

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Direct to Tribunal Offences

List of Direct to Tribunal Offences

The following offences are Reportable Offences that are sent directly to the Community Football Tribunal to determine an appropriate penalty within the Standard Range of Penalties:

- Intentionally making contact with, or striking, an Umpire
- Attempting to make contact with, or strike, an Umpire
- Carelessly making contact with an Umpire;
- Spitting at or on an Umpire
- Spitting on another person
- Instigating a Melee
- Any classifiable offence which attracts a base sanction that the Junior Match Committee finds inappropriate
- Any other act of serious misconduct which the Junior Match Committee considers appropriate to send to the Community Football Tribunal.

The Community Football Tribunal will determine the appropriate sanction for a Direct to Tribunal offence within the Standard Range of Penalties.

15. STANDARD RANGE OF PENALTIES

Offence	First Offence	Second Offence
Striking	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Kicking	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Kneeing	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Stomping	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Charging	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Rough Conduct	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Forceful front on contact	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Headbutt or contact using head	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Eye-gouging/unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face	1-5 weeks	2-10 weeks
Scratching	1-5 weeks	2-10 weeks
Tripping	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Intentional contact with an umpire	4 weeks – 2 years	Life Ban
Striking an umpire	2 years – 10 years	Life Ban
Spitting on or at an umpire	1 year – 5 years	Life Ban
Spitting on another person	2 – 10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Attempting to strike an umpire	1 year – 5 years	Life Ban
Instigator of a Melee	2 – 10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire	2 - 10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks

SECTION 5: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

AFL Laws of Australian Football

WAFC POL.01: Member Protection Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
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POLICY BACKGROUND

Member protection is a term used by the Australian sports industry to describe the practices and procedures that protect an organisation's members - both individual members such as players, coaches and officials, and the member organisations such as clubs and other affiliated organisations. It involves:

- protecting members from harassment, abuse, discrimination and other forms of inappropriate behaviour
- adopting appropriate measures to ensure the right people are involved in an organisation, particularly in relation to those involved within junior sport
- providing education
- promoting and modelling positive behaviour

As an affiliated state body of the AFL, the WAFC subscribes to the AFL Member Protection Policy which can be found at www.afl.com.au/policies. By way of affiliation the AFL Member Protection Policy applies to all clubs.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Member Protection Policy](#)

WAFC POL.02: Communications Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Communications Policy
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PUBLIC STATEMENT

All media enquiries should be directed through the West Australian Football Commission. District, Club and Team representatives should not make public statements about WAFC managed competitions.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The WAFC has an obligation to ensure that affiliated clubs maintain a safe physical and emotional environment for its members and this includes cyber safety and the safe and responsible use of Internet and Information & Communication Technologies (ICT). Individual members also have a responsibility to use ICT in a safe and responsible way, and not bring the game into disrepute.

This policy outlines the expectations of all Community Football stakeholders in ensuring we create a cybersafe environment

By way of affiliation the AFL National Social Media Engagement Policy applies to all clubs.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

All Community Football stakeholders, including clubs and their members will create a cybersafe environment by:

- Using the WAFC/Community Football Club's name, motto, crest and/or logo only in an appropriate way in line with the organisation's guidelines,
- Using the WAFC/Community Football Club's websites to provide information about competitions, committees, policies, rules, social events or other important sport related issues,
- Using SMS and/or email by officials, managers, coaches etc. to communicate organisation business and organisation sanctioned social events (via parents in the case of juniors),
- Using the WAFC/Community Football Club's social network pages to promote positive organisation news and events (with permission obtained from featured individual(s) and via parents for juniors),
- Ensuring content of posts or electronic communication doesn't breach any WAFC/Community Football Club policies or codes of conduct,
- Ensuring content of posts or electronic communication doesn't breach state or commonwealth law. This includes not engaging in 'sexting' where a member sends or is in possession of an inappropriate sexualised image of a person under the age of 18 years – this is a criminal offence in WA and the Police will be informed immediately,
- Not engaging in cyber bullying, including but not limited to:
 - harassing, teasing, intimidating or threatening another person via electronic means,
 - sending or posting inappropriate digital pictures or images, email/instant/phone/text messages, or website postings (including social network sites i.e. Facebook or blogs) and is irrespective of whether the page could be viewed by the wider public or not,

WAFC POL.02: Communications Policy

- Members will remain responsible for and be vigilant of the content and security of their individual accounts such as email, social networking (i.e. Facebook), micro blogging (i.e. Twitter), video sharing (i.e. YouTube), picture sharing (i.e. Instagram) and mobile phones.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL National Social Media Engagement Policy](#)

WAFC POL.03: Sponsorship Policy

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Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
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POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission Commercial, Communications & Strategy team manages all central football sponsorships and reviews sponsorship policies, templates and proposals.

Sponsorships and explicit endorsement of products and or services of a sponsor must be in the public interest and must be approved via the management process.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>All potential sponsors must have company values that are in line with and compliment the values or Australian Football.</p> <p>These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social equality • Participation • Integration and inclusion
2.	<p>Sponsorships that could involve football in controversial issues or expose football to adverse criticism must be avoided.</p> <p>The following sponsors are regarded as inappropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political or religious organisations, • Programs that denigrate exclude or offend minority community groups, • Sponsors that may present a hazard to the community (including cigarette companies), • Sponsors that create environmental hazards, • Sponsors that do not reflect community standards,

WAFC POL.04: Equal Opportunity Policy

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POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission will ensure that equal opportunities for participation in football are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or ethnic origin.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>Female Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single sex (all boy/all girl) competitions are preferred if teams can be arranged within the schools or junior districts and/or country regions • Females are able to participate with males until and including Year 9.
2.	<p>Player Rotation</p> <p>It's the role of the coach to ensure all players, regardless of their age, size, gender, ability or the competition they are playing in, are given an equal opportunity to play in a variety of positions on the field. This is important in allowing players to gain experience and learn and develop the skills of each position. Adhering to this policy and its intent ensures all players and parents feel they are getting a fair go and are a part of the team, enhancing overall participation in Junior & Youth Football.</p> <p>The following rules apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every player in a team must play at least half (50%) of a game. * • All players must play equal game time across the season • Each team is required to track player game time utilising an app or program prescribed by the competition. <p><i>*Only applies to the first game a player plays in a weekend, e.g. if a player has completed a match with their team and then fills in for another team who is short of players, that player is not required to play 50% game time in the second match.</i></p>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC COMPRULES

WAFC POL.05: Drugs & Alcohol Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Drugs & Alcohol Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.05
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission strictly prohibits illicit drugs and excessive alcohol consumption at any level of Community Football, and greatly appreciate the support of the wider football family by supporting the Smoke Free Environments at football grounds around WA.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>Alcohol</p> <p>Clubs have a responsibility to ensure they meet legislative requirements with regard to alcohol management within the club. This can be broken down into two areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquor license requirements • Responsible serving of alcohol requirements. <p>Clubs with liquor licenses must ensure they meet all responsible serving of alcohol requirements and ensure that anyone consuming alcohol does not engage with Junior & Youth Football in any way. Bringing your own alcohol to any Junior or Youth Football match or training session is strictly prohibited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Clubs need to have clear policies, procedures and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) that addresses the issue of alcohol sales and consumption, particularly when attached to Sporting Clubs or Senior Football Clubs. • Shires and local councils should have specific policies, procedures and MOU's in place.
2.	<p>Smoke Free Environment</p> <p>Smoke Free Environments must be maintained and implemented into all areas of our game using the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke Free change rooms – Please ensure player changing areas are smoke free at all times. • Smoke Free club rooms (social halls, canteens, etc.) – please ensure the club rooms, social hall, kitchen and canteen are smoke free at all times. • Smoke Free interchange benches, including coaches and managers area – Please ensure there is no smoking by any person in the interchange area where the coach, manager and interchange players sit or stand. • Smoke Free viewing areas – Please ensure the following areas are Smoke Free during matches and other events; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club room verandas ○ interchange benches ○ seated outdoor viewing areas ○ areas close to where juniors are coached. • Smoke Free NAB AFL Auskick – Our youngest players are the future of our game. Please ensure there is no smoking in any area where the NAB AFL Auskick activities are taking place. <p>Smoke Free Area acknowledgement – to assist promote your sporting area as smoke free, the following announcements may be utilised:</p>

WAFC POL.05: Drugs & Alcohol Policy

	<p><i>“WA Junior Football Clubs support smoke free sporting venues for all members and supporters. Please observe the smoke free areas which include change rooms, club rooms, verandas, interchange benches, outdoor seated viewing areas and areas close to where juniors are coached”.</i></p>
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC.POL.19 – True Sport Codes of Conduct

WAFC POL.06: Pregnancy Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Pregnancy Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.06
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	11 November 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

Sports Medicine Australia has developed guidelines entitled *“Participation of the Pregnant Athlete in Contact and Collision Sports”*.

The guidelines are intended to provide recommendations to the pregnant athlete and sporting organisations on safe participation in contact and collision sports during pregnancy.

SUMMARY OF GUIDELINES

Football is classified as an unlimited contact and collision sport;

- Contact or collision is frequent and maybe quite forcible,
- A high risk of falls, blows to the abdomen and contact with a projectile exists,
- In a normal pregnancy, participation can only be recommended during the first trimester.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Display a copy of the summary of the statement issued by the Medicine and Science for Women in Sport committee of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation on club notice board so that players can make an informed decision about playing,
- Encourage any player that is pregnant to seek the advice of a medical professional,
- Provide a safe environment for all footballers.

INSURANCE & THE PREGNANT PLAYER

The pregnant player is provided with the same personal accident policy that is provided for all registered members of the football leagues. However, the player is not covered if the resultant injury is found to be due to the pregnancy. NO cover is provided for the unborn baby.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[Participation of the Pregnant Athlete in Contact and Collision Sports](#)

WAFC POL.07: Weather Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Weather Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.07
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

Environmental factors regularly affect the playing of Australian Football. While environmental factors will not usually influence whether an Australian Football Match should commence or continue to be played, occasionally extremely adverse weather conditions may give rise to a need to assess whether players and/or officials are in environmental danger. This policy sets out the approach that the Football Body should adopt when assessing extreme weather conditions.

As an affiliated state body of the AFL, the West Australian Football Commission subscribes to the AFL Extreme Weather Policy which can be found at www.afl.com.au/policies.

RESPONSIBILITY

All clubs competing in a competition administered by a Football Body should monitor environmental factors. Umpires in consultation with the a WAFC competition official are responsible for the ongoing assessment of suitability to play in line with the respective AFL policies.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Extreme Weather Policy](#)

[AFL Heat Policy](#)

[AFL Lightning Policy](#)

WAFC POL.08: Protective Equipment Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Protective Equipment Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.08
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission understands that due to the nature of Australian Football, parents and players may want to take certain safety measures to ensure they are protected while participating in training and matches. In doing this, the WAFC must ensure that any protective equipment is suitable for football and that the safety of all participants is considered.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1.	<p>Mouth Guards</p> <p>The WAFC strongly recommends that all players wear a mouth guard when either at training or playing football.</p>	Parent/Player
2.	<p>Protective Head Gear</p> <p>A player who desires to wear protective headgear during a match must wear Sports Physician or Doctor approved headgear that is suitable for football.</p> <p>The necessary headgear approval form, signed by a competition official, must be available to the umpire to view at each match. The umpire is authorised to forbid the player from participating in the game if the form of approval is not shown.</p> <p>Players suffering from disabilities or medical conditions:</p> <p>A player who has a disability or medical condition which could potentially result in injury is required to have a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that the player will (in the view of the medical practitioner) receive adequate protection from the protective headgear. The necessary forms are available from the WAFC.</p>	Parent/Player WAFC
3.	<p>Spectacles</p> <p>In order to minimise the risk of injury, players wishing to wear spectacles during matches and training must wear spectacles with plastic frames and plastic lenses. Spectacles must be held on securely by a band.</p>	Player/Parent
4.	<p>Other Protective Gear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players are not permitted to wear a Plaster Cast during the course of a game. • Players, Runners, Water Carriers and Sports Trainers/Medical are not to wear jewellery including wrist bracelets. • Medical bracelets are permitted however they must be taped and marked 'MEDIC'. • All other protective gear must be approved by the WAFC. 	Parent/Player

WAFC POL.09: Vilification Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Vilification Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.09
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	18 September 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

Vilification to any degree is totally unacceptable at any level of football. All those involved in Community Football have the right to be involved in an environment that is free from vilification and/or harassment. The West Australian Football Commission takes an extremely firm stance on eliminating this type of behaviour from the game.

As an affiliated state body of the AFL, the WAFC subscribes to the AFL Vilification Policy which can be found at www.afl.com.au/policies. By way of affiliation this policy applies to all clubs.

STEP BY STEP PROCESS

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1.	<p>An Alleged Incident</p> <p>Conduct that threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on any basis, including but not limited to, a person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, special ability/disability, illness, disease or sexual orientation, preference or identity.</p>	Vilified Player
2.	<p>Game Day Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clubs and individuals concerned will take immediate action to resolve the matter at the ground between the two teams concerned. If the matter is resolved a written report is required to be submitted to Club President by the Team Manager of the complainant within 24 hours. No public statement (including via social media) is allowed by the clubs, players, umpires or any representative of the club(s) involved. If the matter cannot be resolved immediately it is the responsibility of both Team Managers to inform their respective Club President of the issue immediately. 	Team Managers
3.	<p>Club Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Club President of the complainant is then required to make contact with the opposition President within 24 hours of the incident. The clubs then have 48 hours to mediate and resolve the matter. If the matter is resolved a written report is required to be submitted by both Club Presidents to the Competition & Club Development Team Leader within 24 hours post resolution. No public statement (including via social media) is allowed by the clubs, players, umpires or any representative of the If the matter cannot be resolved at a club level then it is the responsibility of the complainant's Club President to contact the Competition & Club Development Team Leader no later than 48 hours after the incident requesting that they investigate the matter. 	Club Presidents

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4.	<p>Competition Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WAFC will investigate the matter and determine the appropriate next course of action. This may involve mediation or referral directly to the Tribunal. No public statement (including via social media) is allowed by the clubs, players, umpires or any representative of the of the club(s) involved. 	WAFC
5.	<p>A) Mediation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WAFC will arrange for a mediation meeting between the individuals and clubs to be held at the earliest convenience. This should be held no later than 7 days of receiving the complaint. If no resolution can be reached the matter will be referred to the Tribunal for determination. No public statement (including via social media) is allowed by the clubs, players, umpires or any representative of the club(s) involved. <p>B) Tribunal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tribunal to make a determination on the matter in accordance with the guidelines and By-Laws of the Competition. 	WAFC

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL National Vilification Policy](#)

WAFC POL.10: Competitions Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	21 August 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy documents the procedures involved in conducting Junior & Youth Competitions controlled by the West Australian Football Commission. The various sections of this policy have been divided up into the following sub-procedures for ease of access and editing:

WAFC POL.10:

- A – Team Nominations
- B – Colours & Team Uniform
- C – Fixtures
- D – Transfers & Permits
- E – Premiership Points
- F – Forfeits
- G - Awards

WAFC POL.10A Competitions Policy: Team Nominations

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy: Team Nominations
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10A
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission will establish a date each year where clubs will submit team nominations for age groups in which they wish to field teams for the upcoming season. The WAFC shall consider all nominations and where possible shall include teams in competitions as nominated.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>Team Nomination Requirements Each team nomination should include the name and other relevant details of the following people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited coach capable of teaching players the laws and skills of Australian Football in line with the Spirit of the Game and the WAFC's Codes of Conduct • A manager capable of assisting the coach by carrying out clerical and other duties relating to the efficient functioning of the team.
2.	<p>Entering Multiple Teams in a Division/Age Group If a club enters more than one team in a single division in any age group or has multiple teams in an age group, then the following is to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each team nominated by the respective club must be done so in such a way that each team is competitive within its nominated division. • If a club has two teams in one division, it must be done so in such a way that each team is competitive within that division. • If the teams are viewed to be uncompetitive by the WAFC within a reasonable period, the WAFC has the power to direct the club to re-allocate players. • If the club is directed to re-nominate the teams, the club will resubmit the teams and will be subject to further review by the WAFC. <p>Specific rules in regard to entering multiple teams in a division/age group can be found in the individual Competition Rules documents.</p>
3.	<p>Team Withdrawals A Club which withdraws a team or teams from any competition without a reason acceptable to the WAFC, may be liable to a penalty as per below. If a team is withdrawn from a competition after the commencement of a season, the WAFC shall determine how the fixtures will be re-organised and for which games premiership points will be awarded.</p>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

AFL Laws of Australian Football
 WAFC POL.19
 WAFC COMPRULES

WAFC POL.10B Competitions Policy: Colours & Team Uniform

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy: Colours & Team Uniform
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10B
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

Each Club in its application for membership of the RDC or relevant body shall nominate its colours and design of playing uniform.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All designs must be approved by the WAFC. All teams representing a Club shall wear the playing uniform approved for that Club by the WAFC.
2.	Jumper Clashes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the WAFC deems that there is a clash, they shall request that the club determine another design within agreed design criteria.
3.	Compression Garments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full length arm and leg compression garments are not permitted, unless medical approval is provided by a doctor or for religious reasons. The colour/length/style of compression undergarments (such as 'Skins' or 'Under Armour') shall be determined and approved by the WAFC in line with the playing uniform.

WAFC POL.10C Competitions Policy: Fixtures

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy: Fixtures
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10C
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

Prior to the commencement of each football season the WAFC shall appoint a person or committee to prepare a fixture list for all matches to be played in competitions under the control of the WAFC and to allocate grounds and times for such matters.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>Framework</p> <p>Where possible, competition fixtures will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An equal number of matches played between all teams in each competition. • An equal number of home and away matches for each team. • Alternate matches at home and away for each team. • A clear indication of grounds and match times. • Neutral grounds for Grand Finals.
2.	<p>Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any proposed amendment or alteration to the fixtures shall be submitted in writing to the WAFC. • Should the WAFC be unable to meet before a decision on the proposal is required, the Competition Director shall be empowered to make a decision, which shall be final and binding. • Any re-fixturing that occurs after the commencement of the season will be at the discretion of the WAFC.
3.	<p>Regrading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WAFC may re-grade sides at their discretion to ensure a balanced competition. • All points and percentage of the whole competition being promoted or relegated will be reset to zero. The WAFC may waive the resetting of points and percentage based on an assessment of the circumstances at the time.
4.	<p>Finals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WAFC will establish an appropriate finals structure based on the number of teams within the competition. • The WAFC shall endeavour to appoint Field Umpires, Boundary Umpires and Goal Umpires for all final round matches.

WAFC POL.10D Competitions Policy: Transfers & Permits

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy: Transfers & Permits
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10D
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	5 February 2019

POLICY BACKGROUND

All West Australian Football Commission competitions adhere to the AFL National Player Transfer Regulations. In addition to the national regulations, the below transfer and permit rules apply to all Junior & Youth Competitions under the control of the WAFC.

LOCAL TRANSFER RULES

Any one team with five or more WAFL Development Squad players will not be permitted to transfer in any additional Development Squad players.

LOCAL APPLICATION OF PERMITS

RULE	PERMIT TYPE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Type 1: Match Day Permits Allows a player to play a single match for a Club (other than the one to which the player is registered) and does not require home Club approval via Footyweb.	The WAFC prohibits the use of Type 1: Match Day permits in Junior & Youth Competitions. Type 1 permits are only to be used for representative football.
2.	Type 2: Local Interchange Permits Subject to completion of an Interchange Agreement, this permit allows a player to play matches for a Club (other than the one to which the player is registered) and requires home Club approval via Footyweb.	The WAFC allows the use of Type 2: Local Interchange permits in Junior & Youth Competitions.
3.	Type 3: Temporary Transfer Allows a player to temporarily transferred to or from the Northern Territory Football League for a maximum of one (1) season in accordance with the AFL National Player Transfer Regulations.	The WAFC allows the use of Type 3: Temporary Transfer permits for players playing in the NTFL only.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL National Player Transfer Regulations](#)

WAFC POL.10E Competitions Policy: Results, Premiership Points & E-Points

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy: Results, Premiership Points & E-Points
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10E
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

Premiership Points are awarded in all West Australian Football Commission run competitions from Year 7 and above.

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Four Premiership Points are to be awarded to the winning team of a Home & Away match.
2.	Two points are to be awarded to each team in a drawn Home & Away match
3.	If a winning team's margin exceeds 60 points (10 goals) the team will only be credited with a maximum of 60 points (10 goals) winning margin.
4.	Where equality in total premiership points occurs at the conclusion of the qualifying round (Home & Away season), the position of a team shall be decided by E-points and then percentage.
5.	In the event that uneven matches are played, a match ratio shall apply to the premiership table. Match Ratio is calculated by the number of wins divided by the number of games played multiplied by 100.

E-POINTS

The purpose of the E-Point system is to weight game day behaviour with the same importance as winning a match and reward teams for displaying positive game day behaviour. The system deters players, coaches and parents from engaging in negative game day behaviour prior to it taking place. The E-Point model is applied to all competitions from Year 7 and above.

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	A maximum of four E-Points will be awarded per team per game for each completed regular season match. The team's behaviour (including that of players, team officials, support staff or spectators) will determine if any of these E-Points will be deducted.
2.	One E-Point will be deducted for every Yellow Card received by each participating team on game day.
3.	Two E-Points will be deducted for every Red Card received by each participating team on game day.
4.	Two E-Points will be deducted from a team who has a player, parent/spectator or official who is issued a prescribed penalty with a base sanction of one match or more.
5.	Up to four E-points may be deducted from a team for any code of conduct, policy or bylaw breach relating to inappropriate game day behaviour. This is at the sole discretion of the WAFC.
6.	If any breach occurs during a break of play or after the final siren, the number of E-points deducted will be doubled as the umpire does not have the ability to award a free kick.
7.	The awarding of E Points is final and cannot be appealed.

WAFC POL.10F Competitions Policy: Match Forfeits

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy: Match Forfeits
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10F
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

FORFEITURE OF MATCHES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	In a competition playing for premiership points, a match shall be deemed a forfeit if at the start of the match either team consists of less than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 players (18-a-side competitions) • 10 players (15-a-side competitions) • 7 players (12-a-side competitions)
2.	Where a team fails to appear or forfeits a match, full premiership points (4) and E-Points (4) shall be awarded to the team receiving the forfeit.
3.	A team receiving a forfeit will be credited with 60 points for and zero points against on the competition ladder.
4.	A team giving the forfeit will be credited zero premiership points and zero E-points on the competition ladder
5.	In the event of a forfeit, both Clubs involved shall advise the WAFC in writing of the date of the match and include the reasons for the forfeit.
6.	Players for the team receiving the forfeit shall be credited as having played that game for the purposes of finals eligibility and historical records. Players for the team that forfeited the match will not be credited as having played the match.

WAFC POL.10G Competitions Policy: Awards

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Competitions Policy: Awards
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.10G
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

In every match played in Year 8 – 12 Competitions, Field Umpires shall allocate votes for players they consider to be the fairest and best players in that match.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	The fairest and best player in the game shall receive three votes, with the other fairest and best players receiving two, and one votes in order of performance. These votes shall be recorded by the umpire in an approved method set out by the WAFC.
2.	The approved voting method shall clearly outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age group, date and venue of match • Surname, initial, club and jumper number of the three players selected to receive votes
3.	The WAFC shall appoint a person to whom the fairest and best votes are to be entrusted and stored.
4.	The WAFC shall decide on the place and date where all fairest and best votes are tallied by persons appointed by the WAFC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player who polls the highest number of votes in each competition shall be adjudged the 'Fairest and Best' player of that competition. • The player who polls the next highest number of votes shall be adjudged the 'Runner Up Fairest and Best'. • In the event of an equality of votes, then two or more trophies shall be presented. • Any player who is issued a Red Card throughout the season will be deemed ineligible.
5.	Where discrepancies in names or other details occur in voting then the team sheet for the relevant match shall be referenced to clarify the information.
6.	The WAFC may at its discretion allow a Donor or Donors to donate or establish a trophy or award in the form approved by the WAFC and bearing the name of the Donor or Donors.
7.	The following awards and trophies shall be presented by the WAFC each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAFC 'Fairest and Best' and 'Runner Up Fairest and Best' awards to the player or players who poll the highest number of umpire votes in each age group in Youth competitions. • WAFC award to the player selected by the Field Umpire or a specially appointed panel as the Fairest and Best player in the Grand Final of each competition. • Pennants and/or medallions for the team which wins the Grand Final in each age group in Youth competitions. • Any other awards or trophies as the WAFC shall deem fit.
8.	No Junior or Youth Player is to receive cash/cheque/monies as payment, incentive or reward for playing football in under age competitions. Vouchers from a sponsor or the club canteen are the preferred incentive method.

WAFC POL.11: Privacy Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Privacy Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.11
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	18 September 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission acknowledges the importance of our stakeholders' privacy and adheres to the National AFL Privacy Policy which can be found at www.afl.com.au/policies. By way of affiliation the National AFL Privacy Policy applies to all clubs.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Australian Football Bodies Privacy Policy](#)

WAFC POL.12: Concussion Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Concussion Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.12
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	21 January 2019

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission is committed to the health and safety of all people who play the game of Australian Football in WA. Concussion is a brain injury that occurs from impact to a player's head, either through collision with another player (which includes whiplash from body contact) or with the ground. Whilst the skull is in place to protect the brain, in a high impact collision, the brain can move back and forward within the skull causing temporary dysfunction.

GUIDELINES

Head impacts can be associated with serious and potentially fatal brain injuries. In the early stages of injury, it is often not clear whether you are dealing with a concussion or there is a more severe underlying structural head injury. For this reason, the most important steps in initial management include:

1. Recognising a suspected concussion;
2. Removing the player from the game;
3. Referring the player to a medical doctor for assessment.

Any player who has suffered a concussion or is suspected of having a concussion must be medically assessed as soon as possible after the injury and **must NOT** be allowed to return to play in the same game/practice session. There should be an accredited first aider at every game and the basic rules of first aid should be used when dealing with any player who is unconscious or injured.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR SUSPECTED CONCUSSION

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	
1.	Presence of any concussion symptoms or signs (e.g. stunned, confusion, memory problems, balance problems, headache, dizziness, not feeling right)	
2.	Implement first aid management protocol, including cervical spine immobilisation	
3.	Remove from the ground Assess using pocket CRT (Concussion Recognition Tool)	
4.	Presence of any factors for urgent hospital referral (e.g. confusion, vomiting, worsening headache).	
	YES Call for ambulance and refer to hospital	NO Do not allow player to return to play. Refer to medical doctor for assessment (at venue, local general practice or hospital emergency department)

HEADCHECK CONCUSSION APP

The Headcheck Concussion App continues to help Trainers, Coaches and Parents/Guardians recognise the symptoms of a suspected concussion and its severity through a series of concise questions and observations to quickly identify whether a child's head injury requires an ambulance, hospital, or a GP visit. The App also assists Parents/Guardians in managing their child's recovery program based on the symptoms displayed as well as guide the Parents/Guardians on their child's safe return to school, training and games.

The Headcheck Concussion App can be downloaded for free on both Apple and Android devices. For more information about the app, please visit www.headcheck.com.au

WAFC POL.12: Concussion Policy

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Community Concussion Guidelines](#)

[Head Injury Assessment Form](#)

[Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool \(CRT\)](#)

[Headcheck Concussion Management App](#)

WAFC POL.13: Insurance Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Insurance Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.13
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	14 February 2019

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission has negotiated in conjunction with the AFL, an Australian national insurance program with Insurance Brokers Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT). The program covers four critical areas of insurance:

- Player and Volunteer Personal Accident,
- Public Liability,
- Asset protection (theft and/or damage), and
- Associations (Directors and Officers Liability)

The national scheme covers each junior club from November 1 to October 31 at the base bronze level for Personal Accident. Upgrades to higher levels and therefore higher returns on claims are available after contacting JLT direct.

TYPE OF COVER

All clubs are insured at a basic Bronze level coverage and should investigate upgrading their level of cover.

	Bronze Cover	Silver Cover	Gold Cover	Platinum Cover
Non-Medicare Medical Costs <i>(examples include: Ambulance, Physio, Dental, Chiro, Private Hospital Accommodation)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% Reimbursement • \$2,000 Max. per claim • \$100 excess per claim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% Reimbursement • \$2,500 Max. per claim • \$75 excess per claim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% Reimbursement • \$3,500 Max. per claim • \$50 excess per claim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% Reimbursement • \$7,500 Max. per claim • \$50 excess per claim
Capital Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20,000 for players under 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,000 for players under 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40,000 for players under 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 for players under 18
Quad / Para Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 maximum

This table is to provide a brief overview. For full information regarding coverage and any changes to the policy please visit: <https://afl.jltsport.com.au/community.aspx>

PRE-SEASON TRAINING INSURANCE

Within the AFL National Risk Protection Programme, JLT covers all players who are registered to play with a club to the level of cover taken out by that club. In acknowledging that some players train to assess whether they want to register and play the full season, there is scope within the policy whereby 'prospective members' are covered for up to 4 weeks after their initial engagement with the club. If the player or member doesn't register within 4 weeks of their initial engagement with the club, they won't be covered

WAFC POL.13: Insurance Policy

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[JLT AFL NRPP Summary](#)

[JLT Player Information Flyer](#)

[Public Liability](#)

[Personal Injury](#)

[Club Management Liability](#)

[Personal Injury](#)

[NAB AFL Auskick](#)

WAFC POL.14: Umpire Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Umpire Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.14
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	16 November 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy documents the procedures relating to umpires in Junior & Youth Competitions controlled by the WAFC. The various sections of this policy have been divided up into the following sub-procedures for ease of access and editing:

WAFC POL.14:

- A – Umpire Fees
- B – Match Day Paperwork
- C – Umpire Pathway

WAFC POL.14A Umpire Policy: Umpire Fees

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Umpire Policy: Umpire Fees
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.14A
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	18 February 2019

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission has developed a new Umpire fee structure with a clear focus on improving the match day environment by increasing attraction and retention rates and building a strong pathway for Community Football Umpires.

Creating four clearly defined payment levels will also remove some of the barriers allowing greater flexibility for Umpires to be appointed games across various levels of Community Football. From a Club and League volunteer perspective, the simplification of Umpire fees will also reduce confusion and administrative workload around Umpire payments.

The WAFC shall fix the maximum fee for umpires annually prior to the commencement of the season.

PAYMENT

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the preferred payment method with 50% paid by each team. This process has been successfully implemented across most metro junior competitions with the intention of having every junior District adhere to this process at the commencement of the 2020 season. In the event of a forfeit less than 24 hours prior to a game, Umpires will still be required to be remunerated (50% paid by each).

WAFC POL.14A Umpire Policy: Umpire Fees

COMPETITION	FEES
<p>YEAR 11/12 COMPETITIONS The WAFC 18s Competition is played as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 Umpire System • 4 x 20-minute quarters • 18-a-side 	\$100 per Umpire
<p>YEAR 10 COMPETITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Umpire System (where possible) • 4 x 20-minute quarters • 18-a-side <p>This age group plays as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football.</p> <p>YEAR 9 – YEAR 11 FEMALE COMPETITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Umpire System (where possible) • 4 x 15-minute quarters • 15-a-side <p>15-a-side competitions are played on smaller sized grounds with the ‘Last Possession’ rule enforced. Field Umpires adjudicate out of bounds free kicks removing the need for Boundary Umpires.</p>	\$75 per Umpire
<p>YEAR 9 COMPETITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Umpire System (where possible) • 4 x 20-minute quarters • 18-a-side/15-a-side <p>This age group plays as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football. Some Year 9 competitions are 15-a-side and played on smaller sized grounds with the ‘Last Possession’ rule enforced. Field Umpires adjudicate out of bounds free kicks removing the need for Boundary Umpires.</p>	\$70 per Umpire
<p>YEAR 8 COMPETITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Umpire System (where possible) • 4 x 15-minute quarters • 15-a-side <p>15-a-side competitions are played on smaller sized grounds with the ‘Last Possession’ rule enforced. Field Umpires adjudicate out of bounds free kicks removing the need for Boundary Umpires.</p>	\$95 per Umpire (1 umpire) \$65 per Umpire (2 umpire)
<p>YEAR 7 COMPETITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Umpire System (where possible) • 4 x 15-minute quarters • 15-a-side <p>15-a-side competitions are played on smaller sized grounds with the ‘Last Possession’ rule enforced. Field Umpires adjudicate out of bounds free kicks removing the need for Boundary Umpires.</p>	\$80 per Umpire (1 umpire) \$55 per Umpire (2 umpire)
<p>YEAR 6 COMPETITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Umpire System • 4 x 15-minute quarters • Male: 15-a-side/Female: 12-a-side <p>With shorter games, reduced ground size and reduced numbers on the field, only one Umpire is required in these competitions. As they also play the “Last Possession” rule, there is no requirement for Boundary Umpires which increases the responsibilities of the Field Umpire.</p>	\$40 per Umpire
<p>YEAR 3 – YEAR 5 COMPETITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Umpire System • 4 x 15-minute quarters • Male: 15-a-side/Female: 12-a-side <p>With shorter games, reduced ground size and reduced numbers on the field, only one Umpire is required in these competitions. As they also play the “Last Possession” rule, there is no requirement for Boundary Umpires which increases the responsibilities of the Field Umpire.</p>	\$35 per Umpire

WAFC POL.14A Umpire Policy: Umpire Fees

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Year 3 – Year 4 Competition Rules

Year 5 – Year 6 Competition Rules

Year 7 – Year 8 Competition Rules

Year 9 – Year 10 Competition Rules

Year 11/12 Competition Rules

AFL Laws of Australian Football

WAFC POL.14B Umpire Policy: Match Day Paperwork

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Umpire Policy: Match Day Paperwork
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.14B
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	19 November 2018

POLICY STATEMENT

The WAFC uses the Match Day Report function within Sports TG's Footyweb for all Metro Junior and Youth competitions. Umpires are required to log into the Match Day Paperwork (MDP) app at the conclusion of each match to complete the necessary reports as a way of positively addressing game day environment, reporting any incidents and recording Fairest & Best votes.

WAFC POL.14C Umpire Policy: Umpire Pathway

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Umpire Policy: Umpire Pathway
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.14C
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	16 November 2018

POLICY STATEMENT

Umpiring is a fantastic way to get into the game with males and females of all ages playing a key role in Community Football in WA. However, with the continued growth of Australian Football, there is a need to increase the amount of umpires. The AFL is committed to offering pathways nationally to people from non-traditional umpiring backgrounds.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Umpiring Pathway Document

WAFC POL.15: Match Operations Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	14 November 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy documents the procedures and rules involved in conducting Junior & Youth matches controlled by the WAFC. The various sections of this policy have been divided up into the following sub-procedures for ease of access and editing:

WAFC POL.15

- WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation
- WAFC POL.15B – Team Sheets
- WAFC POL.15C – Match Duration
- WAFC POL.15D – Game Day Player Even Up
- WAFC POL.15E – Send Off Rule
- WAFC POL.15F – Removal of Players from the Arena
- WAFC POL.15G – Ground Encroachment
- WAFC POL.15H – Match Ball Policy
- WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy
- WAFC POL.15J – Blood Rule

WAFC POL.15A Match Operations Policy: Ground Preparation

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Ground Preparation
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15A
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	7 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy documents the procedures involved in preparing the ground for Junior & Youth Football matches controlled by the WAFC. Each team shall be responsible for following this policy at its home games. Where a game is allocated to a neutral venue, the WAFC shall nominate a home team which shall be responsible for all provisions as if the game was being played on the home ground of that team. The WAFC will have final discretion for use of all competitions.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>Ground Marking</p> <p>The ground shall be marked in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football, which shall include a spectator line at least two metres outside the boundary line and six metres behind the goals.</p>
2.	<p>Coaches Box</p> <p>A clearly identified Coaches and players box shall be marked no less than five metres from either side of the interchange area in Year 5 competitions and above. This must be marked in paint. Where this is not possible, cones may be used with the permission from the WAFC.</p> <p>The placement and dimensions of the Coaches box shall be set up as per Figure 1 in below Ground Preparation Diagrams section.</p> <p>NOTE: The Coaches box cannot be marked in front of the spectator line.</p>
3.	<p>Match Day Checklist</p> <p>A check of the ground surface is to be conducted before the first match of the day and the appropriate Match Day Checklist completed.</p> <p>In the event that a Youth match is played following a Junior or Auskick match and/or the weather conditions change, then another ground check should occur prior to that game commencing and be documented.</p>
4.	<p>Safety Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matches are not permitted to commence until padding is placed around all fixed goal and behind posts as per the Laws of Australian Football. • There must be access to a telephone and emergency telephone numbers for ambulance, doctor and police. • There must be a stretcher present at the ground. • There must be access to ice for medical treatment.

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5.	Lighting Requirements In accordance with Australian Standards, any night fixture shall have a minimum of 50 lux for Year 3 – 6 competitions and a minimum of 100 lux for Year 7 competitions and above.														
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6.	Ground Size Summary														
		COMPETITION	GENDER	LENGTH RANGE	WIDTH RANGE										
	A	Year 3 - Year 4	Both	80m - 100m	50m - 75m										
	B	Year 5 - Year 6 Year 5 - Year 8	Male Female	90m - 110m	70m - 85m										
	C	Year 7 - Year 8 Year 9 - Year 11	Male Female	110m - 140m	70m - 110m										
	D	Year 9 - 12 (15-a-side)	Male	120m - 150m	90m - 120m										
	E	Year 9 - 12 (18-a-side)	Male	135m - 185m	110m - 155m										
<p>The WAFC recommends that where possible, clubs use the lower range of the above ground sizes in order to address player development. Field sizes are reduced in younger age groups, female competitions and 15-a-side competitions to suit players' skill level and ability and to cater for the reduced number of players.</p> <p>Reduced field sizes allow for 'cross-field' matches in Year 7 – 8 and allow for more matches to be played in the same timeslot, reducing the impact on volunteers and increasing ground availability. The below ranges have been purposefully overlapped to allow for less ground configurations on match day.</p> <p>Ground configuration examples have been outlined in Figure 2 of the Ground Preparation Diagrams section.</p>															

WAFC POL.15A Match Operations Policy: Ground Preparation

GROUND PREPARATION DIAGRAMS

Fig. 1

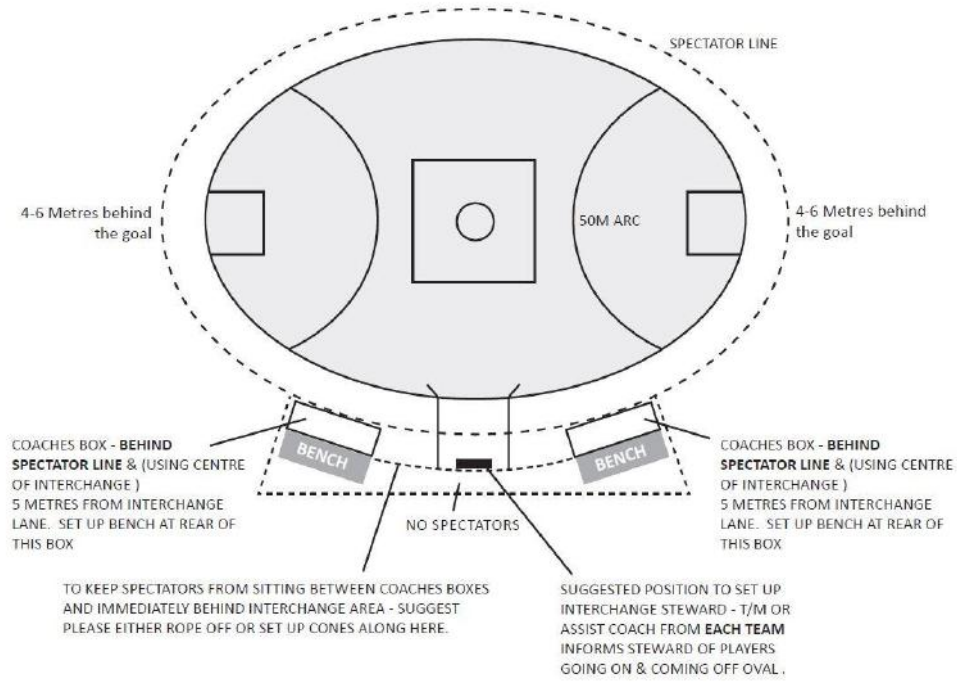
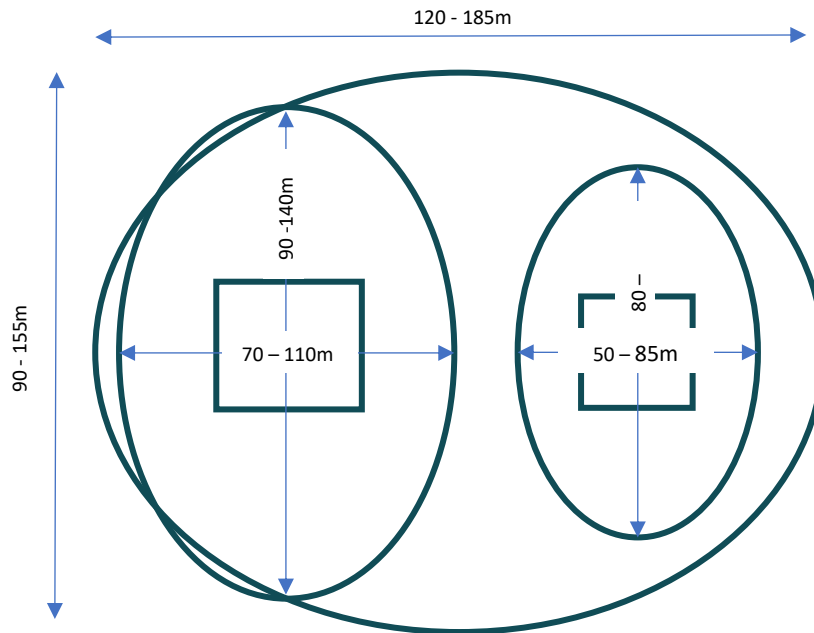


Fig. 2



WAFC POL.15A Match Operations Policy: Ground Preparation

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[Laws of Australian Football](#)

[AFL Community Preferred Facility Guidelines](#)

WAFC POL.15B Match Operations Policy: Team Sheets

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Team Sheets
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15B
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	7 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy documents the procedures involved in submitting Team Sheets for Junior & Youth Football matches controlled by the WAFC. All competing teams shall ensure all players, coaches and team officials representing the team for any given match are included on the team sheet in the WAFC approved Registration System. Each team shall be responsible for following this policy at all games.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Each competing team shall provide WAFC approved team sheets for each match.
2.	All players' jumper numbers shall be displayed on the team sheet
3.	Players may only enter the field of play if they are listed on the match sheet and in attendance at the game.
4.	A player can only be listed on the team sheet if they enter the field of play
5.	Late arriving players cannot take to the field until presented to the umpires at the next break between quarters. Late arriving players shall not enter the playing field after half time.

WAFC POL.15C Match Operations Policy: Match Duration

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Match Duration
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15C
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	11 February 2019

POLICY BACKGROUND

This document outlines the duration of Junior & Youth matches controlled by the WAFC, including the length of time between quarters and any rules surrounding time on/extra time.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1. Match Duration	As per the WAFC Competition Rules, the length of match duration for all Junior & Youth Matches controlled by the WAFC shall be as follows: Year 3 – Year 6: 4x 15-minute quarters Year 7 – Year 8: 4x 15-minute quarters Female Year 9 – Year 11: 4x 15-minute quarters Male Year 9 – Year 12: 4x 20-minute quarters
2. Time On/Extra Time	No time on may be added to any game, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the field umpire suspends play (by blowing their whistle and indicating to the Time Keeper with both hands above their head in the shape of a “T”) due to a player sustaining an injury that requires the use of a stretcher or that the Umpire considers serious. • If the field umpire suspends play in the event of any Order Off offence committed by a player or official. • If a Captain approaches the field umpire to request a head count. • If in the opinion of the field umpire, exceptional circumstances are warranted.
3. Intervals	The maximum times allowed for intervals between quarters in all age groups are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First quarter interval shall be not more than five minutes. • Half time interval shall be not more than ten minutes. • Three quarter time interval shall be not more than five minutes. • Upon a second warning from the umpire, if a team has not made an acceptable effort to take the field, the umpire shall award a free kick to the opposing team. Should both teams be offending the umpire will pay a free kick to the 1st returning team. • In addition, if any team is deemed by the Umpire to be in breach this rule, the coach(s) of the offending team(s) shall be reported for engaging in time wasting.
4. Finals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the final scores of both teams in any final round match, including the Grand Final, be equal at the end of the time allocated for the match, such match shall be extended by two additional periods of five minutes with no time on, in which the teams shall change ends and kick to either end of

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	<p>the ground alternatively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the scores still be tied at the end of these addition periods the team captains will decide which team will kick to which end of the ground by the toss of a coin and play will then resume until one team scores and that team shall be declared the winner. • At the end of the game there will be a two-minute break between fulltime and the commencement of the extra time. (Coaches are allowed on the field at this time). • After the completion of the first five minutes of extra time, teams are required to change ends with no break. Coaches and officials are not permitted to be on the field during this time.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations

WAFC Competition Rules

AFL Laws of Australian Football

WAFC POL.15D Match Operations: Game Day Even Up

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Game Day Player Even Up
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15D
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This document outlines the Game Day Player Even Up Rules that are to be enforced in all Junior & Youth Football matches controlled by the WAFC. The Even Up rule is in place to ensure both teams have equal numbers on the field while maximising participants' playing time and shall be applied to all matches, including finals.

RULES

1. GENERAL APPLICATION	
1a	The even up rule will apply when one or two teams have less than the maximum number of players for the competition.
1b	If a team cannot field the maximum number of players for that competition, the team with the greater number of players must offer additional players to the lesser numbered team until team numbers comprise the maximum number of players, are even, or differ by one only.
1c	Each team shall have even numbers of players on the field during the match.
1d	Players must be rotated so that no single player plays more than one quarter per match for the opposition team.
2. INJURIES	
2a	If a player is injured and the team has no player to replace the injured player, the opposing team must even up immediately. A team captain may not call for a Player Count until the injured player is replaced.
3. RED & YELLOW CARDS	
3a	A player ordered off for a yellow card offence during an even-up situation cannot be replaced for 15 minutes of game time. Once the 15-minute penalty for the yellow card has been served then an even number of players from both teams must be on the field.
3b	A player ordered off for a red card offence during an even-up situation cannot be replaced for the remainder of the match.

WAFC POL.15E Match Operations Policy: Send Off Rule

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Send Off Rule
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15E
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	14 November 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This document outlines the Send Off Rule that is to be applied in all Junior & Youth Football matches controlled by the WAFC. The Send Off Rule is in place in order to positively address the Game Day Environment in Junior Football

RULES

1. GENERAL	
1a	Umpires have the ability to issue Yellow and Red Cards to any player, official or spectator as deemed necessary.
2. YELLOW CARDS	
2a	An offender ordered off for a Yellow Card offence can be replaced immediately.
2b	In the event that a Player or Official: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is issued with two Yellow Card offences on the day of the match, then the offender shall take no further part in the game and cannot be replaced for 15 minutes and receives an automatic 1-week suspension. • Is ordered off for a Yellow Card offence and fails to leave the field immediately when directed by the field umpire, then the offender shall be reported for misconduct and consequently be deemed to have committed a Red Card offence. • Is issued with three Yellow Card offences over the duration of a season, then the third and every yellow card received thereafter shall be upgraded to a Red Card at the conclusion of the match, resulting in an automatic one-week suspension.
3. RED CARDS	
3a	An offender ordered off for a red card offence cannot be replaced for 15 minutes playing Time.
3b	The offending player will be penalised in line with the Junior Football Tribunal Guidelines.
3c	A player, club/team official or spectator who fails to leave the arena immediately when directed by the umpire shall be reported for misconduct, the match shall be terminated and the offending person's team will forfeit the match.
3d	Any official who receives a red card (which is upheld) will also have the details of the incident entered on the WAFC Red Flag system.
4. SWEARING	
4a	As per the AFL Laws of Australian Football, if a player swears during a game (and is overheard by an umpire) then a free kick, 50 metre penalty or a red/yellow card will be paid against the player as a means of positively addressing the game day environment with Junior Football. Under the AFL Laws of Australian Football.

WAFC POL.15F Match Operations Policy: Removal of Player from the Playing Field

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Removal of Players from the Playing Field
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15F
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	7 December 2018

POLICY STATEMENT

No Coach or Club/Team Official may remove a team from the playing field during play. If a Coach or any club/team official removes a team from the playing arena whilst a game is in progress, such person and a responsible official from the person's club shall be required to appear before the WAFC and show cause why a penalty should not be imposed on the club and/or person, for their actions.

WAFC POL.15G Match Operations Policy: Ground Encroachment

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Ground Encroachment
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15G
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	7 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy documents the rules and procedures that are to be adhered to following encroachment of the playing arena by an unauthorised person or persons. This policy applies to all Junior and Youth football matches controlled by the WAFC and is in place to ensure the safety of all community football participants and a means of positively addressing Game Day Environment.

RULE	DISCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	In the event of an encroachment of the area of play by unauthorised persons, or that play is prevented by any other means, the field umpire shall seek the assistance of fellow umpires and/or any member of the WAFC to clear the playing arena so that the match may be resumed. If the field umpire is unable to do this within a reasonable time they shall terminate play at that time and report all circumstances to the WAFC. This body may award the result or declare the match abandoned, forfeited or call a replay at its discretion or in line with AFL Laws of the Game.
2.	Any Club whose officials, players and club spectators are found to be responsible for the unauthorised encroachment of any playing arena (and any official, player and club spectators so responsible) shall be liable for penalty.
3.	The home club (or the team mentioned first in the fixture) is responsible for ground security on the match day.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

AFL Laws of Australian Football

WAFC POL.15H Match Operations Policy: Match Balls

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Match Balls
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15H
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	6 December 2018

POLICY STATEMENT

Each team competing in a WAFC controlled match shall supply a football. The home team shall provide the match ball and the away team is to provide a suitable spare football.

All match footballs must be:

- Of an age appropriate size as per the WAFC Competition Rules
- A WAFC agreed sponsored brand
- Yellow in colour

All Grand Final Match footballs shall be new.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC COMPRULES.3-4

WAFC COMPRULES.5-6

WAFC COMPRULES.7-8

WAFC COMPRULES.YG7-11

WAFC COMPRULES.9-10

WAFC COMPRULES.11-12

WAFC POL.15H Match Operations Policy: Stretchers

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Stretchers
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15H
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	14 November 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, a stretcher is required at all Junior and Youth matches under the control of the WAFC, including finals.

RULES

1. CALLING FOR A STRETCHER	
1a	Any player who in the opinion of the injured player's team officials requires the assistance of a stretcher shall be attended to by a suitably trained and certified medical officer trained in the use of a stretcher prior to removal of that player.
1b	Only authorised persons are permitted to enter the field of play and no team meetings or coaching is permitted during this time. Players must remain in their positions ready for recommencement of play.
1c	Should a coach enter the field of play during a stretcher call and in the opinion of the umpire was doing so in order to provide instruction. A free kick will be awarded to the opposing side in front of goal at the end of the 10-metre square. (This rule will not apply if the 10 minutes or quarter break becomes enforced).
1d	Should both teams' coaches enter the field of play for the purpose of giving instruction, play will resume as would be the case under the rules of the game and both teams will have a fine imposed at the discretion of the WAFC.
1e	Umpires will report all stretcher call outs and the outcomes on the match documentation.
2. REMOVAL OF A PLAYER	
2a	If the stretcher has been called for by an authorised person, then the player will be removed from the playing field via the most direct route for play to recommence and the injured player may be replaced through the interchange.
2b	If a player is removed from the field on a stretcher then that player will not take any further part in the game whatsoever.
2c	If a field umpire or team medical officer is of the opinion that a player cannot be moved from the field of play due to the severity of an injury, then play may be abandoned for the game at the discretion of a meeting between the two Team Managers and the Field Umpire and/or any league appointed official (i.e. match day steward). The WAFC shall be advised of any such abandonment for the purpose of either rescheduling the fixture or determining a result according to the progress score and point of the game at which the game was abandoned. For all final round matches all decisions pertaining to the above rules will be controlled by the WAFC or their appointed officials.
2d	Any player who has their weight assisted in any way for any part of the journey off the field to be treated are deemed as Stretchered.
3. TIMEKEEPING	
3a	The timekeeper shall stop the clock once the field umpire has called time after a stretcher has entered the field of play, and shall restart the clock at the time the field umpire recommences play and calls time.
3b	The timekeeper shall record the time out and the time of the quarter at which point the clock was stopped.

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3c	<p>In the event that the time taken to attend to the injured player exceeds 10 minutes from the time out the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the quarter ends during the delay: - time will be called for the quarter and play will recommence for the next quarter.• If the final quarter is in progress and the stretcher is called for, the remaining time will be played out.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC POL.15A

WAFC POL.J Match Operations Policy: Blood Rule

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Blood Rule
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.15J
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	15 November 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

This document outlines the rules relating to player bleeding during matches and is in place to ensure the safety of participants with a purpose of minimising the risk of spreading blood born infections.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DISCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>No Club shall allow any player to participate in any match or continue to participate in any match for so long as such player:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is bleeding • has blood on any part of their person or uniform.
2.	<p>In the event that an Umpire observes a player who is bleeding or has blood on any part of their person or uniform, the Umpire shall take action as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On observing that a player is bleeding or where any item of uniform or any part of the player is covered in blood, the field umpire shall direct such player to leave the field immediately after a break in play arises (i.e. score, free kick, mark, field bounce, boundary throw in). • When a boundary, goal or emergency umpire observes the need for this rule to be implemented, at the first possible break in play they will alert the field umpire. • Only the field umpires can direct a player to leave the playing field, thereby ensuring the team is not disadvantaged by playing one team member short for any period of time. • Any player directed to leave the field can seek medical attention at any point off the field, however his replacement must enter through the interchange area. • Field Umpire in control of play shall give the replacement player reasonable time to take up their position prior to play recommencing. • When the injured player wishes to resume playing, he must enter through the interchange area (i.e. their playing number may have changed). • A player, who refuses to promptly obey a direction of an umpire given in accordance with this policy, shall be reported by the umpire for misconduct in that they refused to leave the field.
3.	<p>Where an umpire is of the opinion that the player is bleeding or has blood on any part of their person, the player shall immediately leave the field of play upon direction of the umpire. The player shall not return to take any further part in any match until and unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the cause of any such bleeding has been abated; • the injury is securely covered to the extent that no blood is visible; • any bloodstained article of uniform has been removed and replaced; • Any blood on any part of a player's person has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.

WAFC POL.16: Infectious Diseases Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Infectious Disease Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.16
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	7 December 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission acknowledges its role in dealing with the issue of infectious diseases in Australian Football. Being in an environment where players are regularly in close contact with others can increase the risk of contracting common illnesses. The WAFC recommends following the below guidelines to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<p>Hygiene</p> <p>Each club or Team must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • players do not urinate (other than in a toilet) in or about any dressing rooms or on the Playing Surface prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any match • each of its players observe a high standard of personal hygiene, avoid spitting and wash hands regularly • each of its players avoid sharing personal drink bottles.
2.	<p>Bleeding & Blood Born Infections</p> <p>Please refer to WAFC POL.15J Blood Rule which outline the rules specific to bleeding and blood born infections during matches</p>
3.	<p>Changerooms</p> <p>Each club or team must ensure that all change rooms and other areas occupied by the team prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any match are kept clean and that no blood remains on any surface, equipment, hand basin, toilet, shower, bath or other area.</p> <p>All such surfaces, equipment and areas must be cleansed and disinfected immediately after contact with blood.</p>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

WAFC POL.15J

WAFC POL.17: Risk Management Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Risk Management Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.17
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	25 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission advises that clubs should define and document its policy for risk management. The risk management policy should be relevant to the club's strategic context and its goals, objectives and the nature of the business.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

For more risk management information, tips and free downloadable resources please visit [AFL Community Club](#).

WAFC POL.18: Photo & Video Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Photo & Video Policy
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.18
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	25 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission recognises that photographing and filming children in Community Football is usually performed in an appropriate manner and for good reason, however the inappropriate photographing and filming of children can occur which puts children at risk.

Community Football clubs are expected to create and maintain safe environments that are fit for purpose, provide positive experiences and ensure the safety of children.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Additional information and resources in regard to taking images and video of children can be found below:

[Play by the Rules – Taking images of children](#)

[Drone Usage](#)

TRUE SPORT – CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	True Sport – Codes of Conduct
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.19
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	29 October 2018

ABOUT TRUE SPORT

True Sport is an initiative by the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries that supports local sporting clubs and associations to use eight values to share the benefits of sport and recreation to our whole community. After consulting with members of the sporting industry, it is apparent that people believe that strong community values are an important part of having a positive sporting experience in our State.

True Sport is the sport we want. Good sport can make a huge difference to our community and it is important to help sports work together to share this message through using a common language that everyone understands.

True Sport's eight values should be part of everyday life both on and off the field. By embracing these values, teams, clubs, participants and officials can work together to create fun, fair and safe environments for one and all to participate in sporting activities.

The eight True Sport Values are:

- **Have Fun**
- **Be Safe**
- **Give Back**
- **Be Healthy**
- **Play Fair**
- **Bring Your Best**
- **Show Respect**
- **Include All**

For more information on please visit <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/truesport>



POLICY BACKGROUND

The major objective of Junior & Youth Football is to provide an opportunity for all children to play Australian Football in a safe environment designed to maximise the acquisition of skill and provide enjoyment. The True Sport Codes of Conduct, if followed by all people involved in our game, should ensure the fulfilment of this important objective.

The West Australian Football Commission strongly advises that all persons involved be issued with copies of the appropriate True Sport code of conduct. WA Football supports acts of sportsmanship (e.g. handshaking) between players, coaches, administrators, umpires etc.

TRUE SPORT – CODE OF CONDUCT

The various True Sport Codes of Conduct have been divided up into the following sub-documents for ease of access and editing:

WAFC.POL.19:

- A – RED FLAG – Game Environment Filter
- B – True Sport Administrator & Volunteers Code of Conduct
- C – True Sport Coaches Code of Conduct
- D – True Sport Parent & Spectators Code of Conduct
- E – True Sport Players Code of Conduct
- F – True Sport Runner/Water Carriers Code of Conduct
- G – True Sport Umpires Code of Conduct

RED FLAG – Game Environment Filter

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	RED FLAG – Game Environment Filter
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.19A
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	29 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

Protecting and enhancing our Game Environment will always be a strategic focus for Community Football with ongoing enhancement of a Game Environment Filter (RED FLAG). This will assist in monitoring all football segments, and the standard of the environment and the spirit in which they are played. To this end an online filter has been developed whereby key football stakeholders are able to identify and bring to the attention of governing bodies any undesirable behaviours and actions that may breach any of the True Sport Codes of Conduct or By-Law 1 “The Spirit of Junior Football”.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1.	Red Flag Notification The Red Flag notification is completed online with confidentiality assured within the process. Issues that are flagged that require official intervention will be overseen by the WAFC in consultation with the specific League Officials and WAFC District/Regional Staff. The Red Flag filter will apply to everyone involved in Football from coaches, spectators, and players to volunteers and club administrators.	WAFC
2.	Red Flag Access Club Presidents, District Officials, Umpires and WAFC Game Development Staff will have authority to access the filter via a special password and link. Please contact the WAFC to secure your access.	WAFC

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations
 WAFC POL.19B - True Sport Administrator & Volunteers Code of Conduct
 WAFC POL.19C - True Sport Coaches Code of Conduct
 WAFC POL.19D - True Sport Parent & Spectators Code of Conduct
 WAFC POL.19E - True Sport Players Code of Conduct
 WAFC POL.19F - True Sport Runner/Water Carriers Code of Conduct
 WAFC POL.19G - True Sport Umpires Code of Conduct

TRUE SPORT – ADMINISTRATOR & VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	True Sport – Administrator & Volunteer Code of Conduct
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.19B
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	29 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

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ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Spirit of Junior Football ALL administrators and volunteers must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football' .
2.	#HAVEFUN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember that children participate for enjoyment and play down the importance of rewards. Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
3.	#BESAFE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children. Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique. Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs.
4.	#BEHEALTHY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
5.	#PLAYFAIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, trainers and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play.
6.	#SHOWRESPECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour. Actively promote Positive Game Day Environments with Junior Football and the importance of E-Point structures to the game. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents. Ensure promotion, well-being and safety of umpires and encourage good sportsmanship before, during and after matches. Ensure positive player/umpire relationships are continually developed.
7.	#INCLUDEALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or ethnic origin.



TRUE SPORT – ADMINISTRATOR & VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

TRUE SPORT – COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	True Sport – Coaches Code of Conduct
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.19C
Adapted by:	TM
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POLICY BACKGROUND

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This True Sport Coaches Code of Conduct is to be signed and adhered to as part of the accreditation requirements of the AFL & WAFC. Coaches should be aware that, in addition to this Code, they may be obliged to sign a further Code of Conduct/Ethics with their Club and/or League or State Sports Association.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Spirit of Junior Football ALL coaches must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football' .
2.	#HAVEFUN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities and are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
3.	#BESAFE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be supportive at all times and refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in your care. Stress and monitor safety always. In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, you will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured, concussed or ill players to training. Keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of your players.
4.	#BEHEALTHY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be reasonable in the demands you make on the time commitments of the players in your care, having due consideration for their health and well-being. Have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of your players when designing practice schedule, practice activities and involvement in competition.
5.	#PLAYFAIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of your Club, District and League/Association. Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour at all times, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play. Reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Drug Policy.
6.	#SHOWRESPECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.

TRUE SPORT – COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

7.	<p>#INCLUDEALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of your involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability. • Avoid overplaying the talented players aiming to maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability. When responsible for players in the 5-18-year-old age group, strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

TRUE SPORT – SPECTATORS & PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	W AFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	True Sport – Parent & Spectators Code of Conduct
Procedure Reference Number:	W AFC POL.19D
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	29 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

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ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Spirit of Junior Football ALL parents and spectators must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 ‘The Spirit of Junior Football’ .
2.	#HAVEFUN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage children to participate in sport and have fun. Although remember this is about their ambition, and not yours. Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators, nor are they mini adults. Let them have fun and enjoy their junior sport experience.
3.	#GIVEBACK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, managers and helpers. Put your hand up to volunteer yourself.
4.	#BEHEALTHY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage your child to play multiple sports – they do not need to specialise and play one sport all year round.
5.	#PLAYFAIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage children to always participate according to the rules. Encourage players to follow the rules and the umpire’s decisions.
6.	#SHOWRESPECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official’s judgment and honesty in public. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not swearing, using derogatory language, harassing players, coaches, umpires or volunteers.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

W AFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

TRUE SPORT – PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	True Sport – Players Code of Conduct
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.19E
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	29 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

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ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	Spirit of Junior Football ALL players must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football' .
2.	#HAVEFUN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play for the “fun of it” and not just to please parents and coaches.
3.	#PLAYFAIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play by the rules. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team, opponent or the other team. Be prepared to take responsibility for your actions.
4.	#BRINGYOURBEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team’s performance will benefit so will you.
5.	#SHOWRESPECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never argue with an umpire or an official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach or teacher after the game. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or provoking an opponent is not acceptable. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another teammate or player. Avoid using derogatory language or swearing.
6.	#INCLUDEALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperate with and support your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would no competition.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

TRUE SPORT – RUNNER & WATER CARRIERS CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	True Sport – Runner & Water Carriers Code of Conduct
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.19F
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	29 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

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ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL ALL runners and water carriers must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football' .
2.	#BESAFE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The runner must be clearly identified. • The runner's name must be entered on team sheets.
3.	#GIVEBACK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The runner SHOULD BE AN ADULT.
4.	#SHOWRESPECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No abusive language or swearing. • Support the decision of the umpires at all times and never question decisions. • Deliver message/water and leave the ground immediately. Your role is not to coach or direct players. Do not remain on the ground. The game is for the kids, not you.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

TRUE SPORT – UMPIRES CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	True Sport – Umpires Code of Conduct
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.19G
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	29 October 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

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ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL ALL umpires must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football' .
2.	#HAVEFUN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the “spirit of the game” for children is not lost by using common sense and not over emphasizing errors. Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
3.	#BESAFE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
4.	#PLAYFAIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour. Actions speak louder than words.
5.	#BRINGYOURBEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliment all participants on their efforts.
6.	#SHOWRESPECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations
 AFL Laws of Australian Football

WAFC POL.20: Year Group Summary

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Year Group Summary
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC POL.20
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	7 November 2018

POLICY BACKGROUND

Junior and Youth Football in WA is aligned to school years with the primary purpose of this being so that kids can play football with the friends that they attend school with.

YEAR GROUP SUMMARY

YEAR GROUP	BIRTH DATE RANGE
Auskick Pre-Primary	01/07/2013 – 30/06/2014
Auskick Year 1	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2013
Auskick Year 2	01/07/2011 – 30/06/2012
Year 3	01/07/2010 – 30/06/2011
Year 4	01/07/2009 – 30/06/2010
Year 5	01/07/2008 – 30/06/2009
Year 6	01/07/2007 – 30/06/2008
Year 7	01/07/2006 – 30/06/2007
Year 8	01/07/2005 – 30/06/2006
Year 9	01/07/2004 – 30/06/2005
Year 10	01/07/2003 – 30/06/2004
Year 11	01/07/2002 – 30/06/2003
Year 12	01/07/2001 – 30/06/2002

WAFC COMPRULES.3-4: Year 3 – Year 4 Competition Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Year 3 – Year 4 Competition Rules
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC COMPRULES.3-4
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	20 February 2019

BACKGROUND

All competitions managed by the West Australian Football Commission are played as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football. The below modifications have been made to the Year 3 – Year 4 age group to assist junior players with skill development and an understanding of the game. 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 age group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower age group shall be applied.

COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, ground sizes for Year 3 – Year 4 competitions should be 80m – 100m (L) x 50m – 75m (W)
1b. Football	Year 3: Size 1 synthetic football Male Year 4: Size 2 leather football Female Year 4: Size 2 synthetic football
1c. Number of Players	Year 3: 12-15-a-side Male Year 4: 15-a-side Female Year 4: 12-a-side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No ruck or rovers ii. Unlimited reserves iii. Numbers on the field should always be even
1d. Match Length	4x 15-minute quarters.
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. Start of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ball-up in the centre of the ground between 2 players, approximately of equal size. ii. Players are not permitted to take full possession out of a ruck contest. iii. Maximum of 3 players from each team permitted within 20 metres of ball up.
2b. Positions	Soft zone resets at each stoppage: Year 3 12-a-side: 3 lines of 4 (i.e. 4 forwards, 4 midfielders & 4 defenders) Year 4: 5 lines of 3 (i.e. FF, HF, C, HB, FB)
2c. After a Goal	After a goal a ball-up should occur in the centre of the ground as per 2a. The umpire shall select different players to contest the centre ball-up each time.
2d. Out of Bounds	Last Possession Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.

WAFC COMPRULES.3-4: Year 3 – Year 4 Competition Rules

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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.
2e. Scrimmage	Umpire to stop play and with the help of the coaches, instruct players to return to their positions as per 2b before throwing the ball up. This is to teach players the positions and reduce congestion.
2f. Marking	A mark is to be awarded for any reasonable attempt at catching the ball, regardless of distance covered.
2g. Bouncing	Players are only permitted to bounce (or touch the ball on the ground) once before disposing of the ball.
2h. Kicking off the Ground	Players are not permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground or use feet to control the ball whilst it is on the ground. Whereby the foot makes accidental contact to the ball, the umpire will call play on.
2i. Protected Area	The protected area at this level is 5 metres.
2j. 50m Penalties	Due to the reduced size of the playing field, umpires may award a 25-metre penalty.
2k. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3. CONTACT	
3a. Tackling	<p>Modified Wrap Tackle Rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Player may wrap both arms around an opponent and hold feet. ii. Players must not drop to ground. iii. Strictly no slinging or bringing the opposition player to ground. iv. Grabbing the arm is not permitted. v. Once tackled legally, players have 3 seconds to dispose of the ball, or a free kick for 'holding the ball' will be awarded. vi. If the player being tackled deliberately goes to ground, a free kick for 'holding the ball' will be awarded to the tackling player.
3b. Bumping	Strictly no bumping
3c. Smothering	Strictly no smothering, stripping or stealing of the ball
3d. Shepherding	Players are not permitted to push, shoulder or block an opponent who is not in possession of the ball.
4. COMPETITION RULES	
4a. Team Nominations	<p>In addition to the general Team Nomination requirements in WAFC POL.10A, If a club enters more than one team in a single division in any Year 3 - Year 4 age group or has multiple teams in an age group, then the following is to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players are not permitted to move from one team to another team in the same Club and age group after Round One of that season. If this occurs, they will be judged as an ineligible player. Team lists are to remain constant unless the team is instructed by WAFC to re-allocate players. ii. Each team is to be treated as a separate entity.
4b. Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No match results ii. No premiership points iii. No ladders iv. No finals
4c. Awards	No awards (Best & Fairest etc) at this level.

WAFC COMPRULES.3-4: Year 3 – Year 4 Competition Rules

MATCH DAY ROLES

5. COMPETITION ROLES	
5a. Field Umpires	<p>The umpires' coach shall oversee a panel of umpires from which he will appoint a trained umpire(s) to officiate at each match played under the control of the WAFC. All umpires must comply with the AFL Laws of Australian Football, WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations and any Competition variations adopted by the governing bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Should a field umpire not be available to officiate at any match the opposing coaches or team officials may agree to appoint any person to act in that capacity. In such case the appointed umpire shall have the same responsibilities and authority as any umpire appointed by the Umpires Coach, including the awarding of Fairest and Best votes. An umpire appointed under this By-Law shall be named on match documents and shall receive normal match payments. ii. All field umpires shall be suitably attired for the match as approved by the WAFC. iii. The field umpire will report all stretcher callouts as per WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy. iv. The collection of umpire related match documents is at the discretion of the WAFC. v. Any officially appointed emergency umpire will have the same powers as the central umpires.
5b. Boundary Umpires	Boundary Umpires are not required in Year 3 – Year 4 matches as the Last Possession Rule is applied. See 2d. Out of Bounds.
5c. Goal Umpires	<p>Each competing team shall supply a goal umpire who should be of sufficient knowledge and competency to carry out all responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Goal Umpires will wear the approved attire and have a minimum of two signalling flags. ii. The goal umpires will endeavour to keep the area immediately behind the goal line clear of spectators and other obstructions (refer to WAFC POL.15) iii. The goal umpire is not permitted to coach or encourage players.
5d. Timekeeper	The home team shall supply a Timekeeper for each game. The Timekeeper will have a means of keeping time and of indicating the end of each quarter to the field umpire, and be deemed to be the official time keeper
6. TEAM ROLES	
6a. Coaches	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team for any match shall have a coach who is subject to the same investigations and penalties as a player, including suspensions, sanctions and fines. ii. Coaches must play all eligible and able players up to the maximum allowed in all home and away matches. iii. Coaches must adhere to the Equal Opportunity Policy for all players in all games (refer to WAFC POL.04). <p>Accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Only accredited coaches will be able to be selected on a team sheet. v. All head coaches must at minimum be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach via CoachAFL prior to coaching their first fixtured match.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. If a coach is not a CoachAFL member and does not hold at minimum, an age appropriate Foundation Coach accreditation, they will not be permitted to coach. vii. All assistant coaches must be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach prior to coaching their first fixtured match. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> viii. All coaching staff must remain within the Coaches Box. Only listed coaching staff can remain in the Coaches Box. Coaching staff may only exit the Coaches Box at authorised quarter changes, half time and at the conclusion of the match. ix. Each team is permitted to have a maximum of three coaches inside the Coaches Box (1 head coach & 2 assistant coaches). <p>Year 3 Exemptions The coach is permitted to be on the ground during any game and therefore may exit the Coaches Box. The coach is not permitted to carry water. The coach is not permitted to carry a file or any other item which may cause injury to a participant.</p>
<p>6b. Team Manager</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team is required to have a team manager who will act as the primary point of contact for umpires, between competing teams and match officials. ii. The Home Team Manager is responsible for the welfare of the umpires on match day. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Team managers are permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6c. Runners</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teams are only permitted to have one runner. ii. Team runners shall be clearly identified by wearing an approved WAFC uniform. iii. Runners are not permitted to carry water. iv. Team runners are not permitted to remain on the playing surface. Team runners are to deliver one message from the coach to a player and return immediately to the Coaches Box via the interchange area. v. Team runners are not permitted to 'coach' whilst on the ground. vi. Team runners must enter and exit the playing field through the interchange area at all times. vii. Team runners should be an adult. viii. Team runners are not to carry out any other team official duties during a match. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ix. The team runner is permitted inside the coaches box. <p>Year 3 Exemptions Year 3 teams are not permitted to have a runner.</p>

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<p>6d. Water Carriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No more than one Water Carrier is permitted per team, per match. Additional water carriers can be applied for at the discretion of the WAFC. ii. Water carriers shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. Water carriers are not to become involved in any capacity in on field coaching. They are to deliver water promptly and exit the field immediately. iv. Water carriers should be an adult. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Water carriers are not permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6e. Medical Officer/Trainer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team shall provide a team medical officer/sports trainer with a current Provide First Aid – 1 Day Accreditation (previously known as Senior First Aid/Apply First Aid). ii. The team medical officer/sports trainer shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. The team medical officer/sports trainer must be able to prove, upon request by league officials, suitable proof of qualifications to assess and remove injured players on a stretcher. iv. Should a team fail to provide a qualified medical officer/sports trainer, then the opposing teams suitably trained medical officer/sports trainer may assume control of injured players for both teams. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Only one Medical Officer/Trainer is permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6f. General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team official under suspension for a breach of the Laws of the Game or the WAFC Rules & Regulations may not play or officiate in any game of Australian Football during the period of suspension. This includes any affiliated senior, junior, WAFL, Country, School or Interstate competition. ii. Team Officials are not permitted to make intentional contact with opposition players under any circumstances.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Laws of Australian Football](#)

WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations

WAFC POL.04 – Equal Opportunity

WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation

WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy

WAFC COMPRULES.5-6: Year 5 – Year 6 Competition Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Year 5 – Year 6 Competition Rules
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BACKGROUND

All competitions managed by the West Australian Football Commission are played as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football. The below modifications have been made to the Year 5 – Year 6 age group to assist junior players with skill development and an understanding of the game. 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 age group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower age group shall be applied.

KEY CHANGES

A summary of the key rule changes from Year 3 - Year 4 competitions to Year 5 – Year 6 competitions have been outlined below;

- **1c.** - Number of Players in all Male competitions are 15-a-side.
- **2f.** - Stricter interpretation on marking with a 10m minimum distance from a kick.
- **3a.** - Players may take their opponent to ground by dropping their weight however, slinging and aggressively bringing an opponent to ground is still strictly prohibited.
- **3b.** - Bumping is permitted as per AFL Laws of Australian Football
- **3c.** - Smothering is permitted
- **3d.** - Shepherding is permitted

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COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, ground sizes for Year 5 – Year 6 competitions should be 90m – 110m (L) x 70m – 85m (W)
1b. Football	Male Year 5: Size 2 leather football Female Year 5: Size 2 synthetic football Male Year 6: Size 3 leather football Female Year 6: Size 2 synthetic football
1c. Number of Players	Male: 15-a-side Female: 12-a-side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No ruck or rovers ii. Unlimited reserves iii. Numbers on the field should always be even
1d. Match Length	4x 15-minute quarters.
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. Start of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ball-up in the centre of the ground between 2 players, approximately of equal size. ii. Players are not permitted to take full possession out of a ruck contest. iii. Maximum of 3 players from each team permitted within 20 metres of ball up.
2b. Positions	Male: Soft zone resets at each stoppage: 5 lines of 3 (i.e. FF, HF, C, HB, FB) Female: Soft zone resets at each stoppage: 3 lines of 4 (i.e. 4 forwards, 4 midfielders, 4 defenders)
2c. After a Goal	After a goal a ball-up should occur in the centre of the ground as per 2a. The umpire shall select different players to contest the centre ball-up each time.
2d. Out of Bounds	Last Possession Rule: <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. 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.
2e. Scrimmage	Umpire to stop play before throwing the ball up. Coaches should instruct players to get into position as per 2b to teach players the positions and reduce congestion.
2f. Marking	A mark is to be awarded for any kick that travels a minimum of 10 metres
2g. Bouncing	Players are only permitted to bounce (or touch the ball on the ground) once before disposing of the ball.
2h. Kicking off the Ground	Players are not permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground or use feet to control the ball whilst it is on the ground. Whereby the foot makes accidental contact to the ball, the umpire will call play on.
2i. Protected Area	The protected area at this level is 5 metres.
2j. 50m Penalties	Due to the reduced size of the playing field, umpires may award a 25-metre penalty.
2k. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3. CONTACT	
3a. Tackling	Modified Wrap Tackle Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Player may wrap both arms around an opponent. ii. Players may take their opponent by dropping their weight.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Strictly no slinging or bringing the opposition player to ground in an aggressive manor. iv. Once tackled legally, players have 3 seconds to dispose of the ball, or a free kick for 'holding the ball' will be awarded.
3b. Bumping	Bumping is permitted as per AFL Laws of Australian Football.
3c. Smothering	Stealing or smothering the football whilst the opponent is in the process of kicking or has possession in general play is permitted.
3d. Shepherding	A player is permitted to block opponents and bump within 5 metres of the ball as per 3b.
4. COMPETITION RULES	
4a. Team Nominations	<p>In addition to the general Team Nomination requirements in WAFC POL.10A, If a club enters more than one team in a single division in any Year 5 - Year 6 age group or has multiple teams in an age group, then the following is to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players are not permitted to move from one team to another team in the same Club and age group after Round One of that season. If this occurs, they will be judged as an ineligible player. Team lists are to remain constant unless the team is instructed by WAFC to re-allocate players. ii. Each team is to be treated as a separate entity.
4b. Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No match results ii. No premiership points iii. No ladders iv. No finals
4c. Awards	No awards (Best & Fairest etc) at this level.

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MATCH DAY ROLES

5. COMPETITION ROLES	
5a. Field Umpires	<p>The umpires' coach shall oversee a panel of umpires from which he will appoint a trained umpire(s) to officiate at each match played under the control of the WAFC. All umpires must comply with the AFL Laws of Australian Football, WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations and any Competition variations adopted by the governing bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Should a field umpire not be available to officiate at any match the opposing coaches or team officials may agree to appoint any person to act in that capacity. In such case the appointed umpire shall have the same responsibilities and authority as any umpire appointed by the Umpires Coach, including the awarding of Fairest and Best votes. An umpire appointed under this By-Law shall be named on match documents and shall receive normal match payments. ii. All field umpires shall be suitably attired for the match as approved by the WAFC. iii. The field umpire will report all stretcher callouts as per WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy. iv. The collection of umpire related match documents is at the discretion of the WAFC. v. Any officially appointed emergency umpire will have the same powers as the central umpires.
5b. Boundary Umpires	Boundary Umpires are not required in Year 5 – Year 6 matches as the Last Possession Rule is applied as per 2d. Out of Bounds.
5c. Goal Umpires	<p>Each competing team shall supply a goal umpire who should be of sufficient knowledge and competency to carry out all responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Goal Umpires will wear the approved attire and have a minimum of two signalling flags. ii. The goal umpires will endeavour to keep the area immediately behind the goal line clear of spectators and other obstructions (refer to WAFC POL.15) iii. The goal umpire is not permitted to coach or encourage players.
5d. Timekeeper	The home team shall supply a Timekeeper for each game. The Timekeeper will have a means of keeping time and of indicating the end of each quarter to the field umpire, and be deemed to be the official time keeper
6. TEAM ROLES	
6a. Coaches	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team for any match shall have a coach who is subject to the same investigations and penalties as a player, including suspensions, sanctions and fines. ii. Coaches must play all eligible and able players up to the maximum allowed in all home and away matches. iii. Coaches must adhere to the Equal Opportunity Policy for all players in all games (refer to WAFC POL.04 Equal Opportunity). <p>Accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Only accredited coaches will be able to be selected on a team sheet. v. All head coaches must at minimum be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach via CoachAFL prior to coaching their first fixtured match.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. If a coach is not a CoachAFL member and does not hold at minimum, an age appropriate Foundation Coach accreditation, they will not be permitted to coach. vii. All assistant coaches must be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach prior to coaching their first fixtured match. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> viii. All coaching staff must remain within the Coaches Box. Only listed coaching staff can remain in the Coaches Box. Coaching staff may only exit the Coaches Box at authorised quarter changes, half time and at the conclusion of the match. ix. Each team is permitted to have a maximum of three coaches inside the Coaches Box (1 head coach & 2 assistant coaches).
<p>6b. Team Manager</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team is required to have a team manager who will act as the primary point of contact for umpires, between competing teams and match officials. ii. The Home Team Manager is responsible for the welfare of the umpires on match day. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Team managers are permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6c. Runners</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teams are only permitted to have one runner. ii. Team runners shall be clearly identified by wearing an approved WAFC uniform. iii. Runners are not permitted to carry water. iv. Team runners are not permitted to remain on the playing surface. Team runners are to deliver one message from the coach to a player and return immediately to the Coaches Box via the interchange area. v. Team runners are not permitted to 'coach' whilst on the ground. vi. Team runners must enter and exit the playing surface through the interchange area at all times. vii. Team runners should be an adult. viii. Team runners are not to carry out any other team official duties during a match. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ix. The team runner is permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6d. Water Carriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No more than one Water Carrier is permitted per team, per match. Additional water carriers can be applied for at the discretion of the WAFC. ii. Water carriers shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. Water carriers are not to become involved in any capacity in on field coaching. They are to deliver water promptly and exit the field immediately. iv. Water carriers should be an adult. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Water carriers are not permitted inside the coaches box.

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<p>6e. Medical Officer/Trainer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team shall provide a team medical officer/sports trainer with a current Provide First Aid – 1 Day Accreditation (previously known as Senior First Aid/Apply First Aid). ii. The team medical officer/sports trainer shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. The team medical officer/sports trainer must be able to prove, upon request by league officials, suitable proof of qualifications to assess and remove injured players on a stretcher. iv. Should a team fail to provide a qualified medical officer/sports trainer, then the opposing teams suitably trained medical officer/sports trainer may assume control of injured players for both teams. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Only one Medical Officer/Trainer is permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6f. General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team official under suspension for a breach of the Laws of the Game or the WAFC Rules & Regulations may not play or officiate in any game of Australian Football during the period of suspension. This includes any affiliated senior, junior, WAFL, Country, School or Interstate competition. ii. Team Officials are not permitted to make intentional contact with opposition players under any circumstances.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Laws of Australian Football](#)

WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations

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WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation

WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy

WAFC COMPRULES.7-8: Year 7 – Year 8 Male Competition Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Year 7 – Year 8 Male Competition Rules
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC COMPRULES.7-8
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BACKGROUND

All competitions managed by the West Australian Football Commission are played as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football. The below modifications have been made to the male Year 7 – Year 8 age group to assist players with skill development and an understanding of the game. 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 age group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower age group shall be applied.

KEY CHANGES

A summary of the key rule changes from Year 5 - Year 6 competitions to Year 7 – Year 8 competitions have been outlined below;

- **1c.** – Restrictions on the number of players allowed on the bench.
- **1d.** – Match length increased to 4x 15-minute quarters.
- **2b.** – Starting positions changes slightly from 5 lines of 3 to 3 lines of 5.
- **2c.** – The same two players may contest the ball-up at each centre bounce.
- **2f.** – Minimum distance required for the ball to travel is increased from 10m to 15m.
- **2g.** – Maximum amount of bounces is increased from 1 to 2.
- **2h.** – Players are permitted to kick the ball off the ground or control with their feet in competitions.
- **3a.** – Tackling is permitted as per AFL Laws of the Game
- **5a.** – Scoring, match results, premiership points, ladders and finals are all permitted.

WAFC COMPRULES.7-8: Year 7 – Year 8 Male Competition Rules

COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, ground sizes for Year 7 – Year 8 competitions should be set at 110m – 140m (L) x 70m – 110m (W).
1b. Football	Year 7: Size 3 leather footballs Year 8: Size 4 leather footballs
1c. Number of Players	15-a-side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maximum of 5 players on the bench ii. Numbers on the field should always be even
1d. Match Length	4x 15-minute quarters.
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. Start of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ball-up in the centre of the ground between 2 players. ii. Players are not permitted to take full possession out of a ruck contest. iii. Maximum of 3 players from each team permitted within 20 metres of ball up.
2b. Positions	Soft zone resets at centre bounces: 5 forwards, 5 midfielders & 5 defenders
2c. After a Goal	After a goal a ball-up should occur in the centre of the ground as per 2a. Start of Play.
2d. Out of Bounds	Last Possession Rule: <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. 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.
2e. Scrimmage	Umpire to stop play before throwing the ball up. Coaches should instruct players to get into position as per 2b to teach players the positions and reduce congestion.
2f. Marking	A mark is to be awarded for any kick that travels a minimum of 15 metres
2g. Bouncing	Players are only permitted to bounce (or touch the ball on the ground) twice before disposing of the ball.
2h. Kicking off the Ground	Players are permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground or use feet to control the ball whilst it is on the ground.
2i. Protected Area	The protected area at this level is 5 metres.
2j. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3. CONTACT	
3a. Tackling	Tackling is permitted as per AFL Laws of the Game.
4. COMPETITION RULES	
4a. Team Nominations	<p>In addition to the general Team Nomination requirements in WAFC POL.10A, If a club enters more than one team in a single division in any Year 7 or Year 8 age group or has multiple teams in an age group, then the following is to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players are not permitted to move from one team to another team in the same Club and age group after Round One of that season. If this occurs, they will be judged as an ineligible player. Team lists are to remain constant unless the team is instructed by WAFC to re-allocate players. ii. Each team is to be treated as a separate entity. iii.

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4b. 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
4c. Awards	<p>Year 7: No awards (Best & Fairest etc) at this level. Year 8: Best players and goal kickers may be recorded and awarded.</p>
5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY	
5a. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If a player plays five or more games in an older age group within a junior competition, they shall be deemed to be a part of that older age group for the remainder of the season (including finals). They will not be eligible to play any further regular season games or finals in the younger age group. If a player has played in multiple teams in the older age group within a junior competition, they will become a member of the team they played the most matches for. ii. Players who miss matches in the qualifying rounds of a season through participation in any WAFC State Program will be credited for each match missed. The grade of game allocated will be the grade where the player has played the majority of matches in the current season. iii. Any Colts player who plays a match at WAFL level, is deemed ineligible to play Junior/Youth football on the same weekend.
5b. Finals Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To be eligible to take part in any finals match all non-WAFL Colts players must have played a minimum of five matches for that team in the qualifying rounds of that season. ii. WAFL Colts players must have played a minimum of seven matches for that team in the qualifying rounds of that season in order to be eligible for finals. iii. A player who has suffered a long-term injury, and has subsequently not qualified for finals, may on application to the WAFC be deemed eligible given that they have provided supporting medical documentation. The final decision is at the sole discretion of the WAFC. A long-term injury refers to an injury where the recovery period is over six weeks in length. iv. WAFL Colts players who have played at least three quarters of the total matches of the qualifying rounds of the WAFL Colts season are ineligible to play with a junior club/team during junior finals. v. Players may only compete in one finals series with the one team.

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MATCH DAY ROLES

6. COMPETITION ROLES	
6a. Field Umpires	<p>The umpires' coach shall oversee a panel of umpires from which he will appoint a trained umpire(s) to officiate at each match played under the control of the WAFC. All umpires must comply with the AFL Laws of Australian Football, WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations and any Competition variations adopted by the governing bodies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Should a field umpire not be available to officiate at any match the opposing coaches or team officials may agree to appoint any person to act in that capacity. In such case the appointed umpire shall have the same responsibilities and authority as any umpire appointed by the Umpires Coach, including the awarding of Fairest and Best votes. An umpire appointed under this By-Law shall be named on match documents and shall receive normal match payments. ii. All field umpires shall be suitably attired for the match as approved by the WAFC. iii. The field umpire will report all stretcher callouts as per WAFC POL.151 – Stretcher Policy. iv. The collection of umpire related match documents is at the discretion of the WAFC. v. Any officially appointed emergency umpire will have the same powers as the central umpires.
6b. Boundary Umpires	Boundary umpires are not required for any Year 7 – Year 8 15-a-side matches as the Last Possession Rule will apply as per 2d. Out of Bounds.
6c. Goal Umpires	<p>Each competing team shall supply a goal umpire who should be of sufficient knowledge and competency to carry out all responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Goal Umpires will wear the approved attire and have a minimum of two signalling flags. ii. The goal umpire will be supplied with a scorecard. The goal umpire will keep a record of each team's score during the game, will compare score cards at the end of every quarter and will change ends at half time. Goal Umpires must compare scorecards with Interchange Stewards/independent scorer at all major breaks. iii. At the conclusion of the game the Goal Umpire will date and sign the scorecards and hand them to the field umpire. iv. The Goal Umpires will endeavour to keep the area immediately behind the goal line clear of spectators and other obstructions (refer to WAFC POL.15) v. The goal umpire is not permitted to coach or encourage players.
6d. Timekeeper	The home team shall supply a Timekeeper for each game. The Timekeeper will have a means of keeping time and of indicating the end of each quarter to the field umpire, and be deemed to be the official time keeper
6e. Interchange Steward	<p>Both the home and away teams are responsible for providing an Interchange Steward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only one steward per team is permitted inside the interchange area where they must remain for the duration of the match. ii. In the event an interchange steward is not in attendance the appointed timekeeper/s will be responsible for the recording of the send-off details and make notes of any issues that would usually be the responsibility of the Interchange Steward.

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<p>6f. Independent Scorer</p>	<p>The Home Team shall provide and independent scorer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Independent Scorer is permitted to be the same person as the Interchange Steward. ii. The Independent Scorer shall carryout their duties in accordance with the AFL Laws of the Game iii. The Goal umpires and the independent scorer shall enter all goals and behinds and confer at the conclusion of each quarter. iv. Should any discrepancy occur in the scores recorded by both goal umpires then the scores will be clarified with the umpires and the independent scorer, with the scorecard of the independent scorer being deemed as the official score.
<p>7. TEAM ROLES</p>	
<p>7a. Coaches</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team for any match shall have a coach who is subject to the same investigations and penalties as a player, including suspensions, sanctions and fines. ii. Coaches must play all eligible and able players up to the maximum allowed in both home and away and finals matches. iii. Coaches must adhere to the Equal Opportunity Policy for all players in all games, including finals (refer to WAFC POL.04) <p>Accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only accredited coaches will be able to be selected on a team sheet. ii. All head coaches must at minimum be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach via CoachAFL prior to coaching their first fixtured match. iii. If a coach is not a CoachAFL member and does not hold at minimum, an age appropriate Foundation Coach accreditation, they will not be permitted to coach. iv. All assistant coaches must be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach prior to coaching their first fixtured match. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. All coaching staff must remain within the Coaches Box. Only listed coaching staff can remain in the Coaches Box. Coaching staff may only exit the Coaches Box at authorised quarter changes, half time and at the conclusion of the match. v. Each team is permitted to have a maximum of three coaches inside the Coaches Box (1 head coach & 2 assistant coaches).
<p>7b. Team Manager</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team is required to have a team manager who will act as the primary point of contact for umpires, between competing teams and match officials. ii. The Home Team Manager is responsible for the welfare of the umpires on match day. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Team managers are permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>7c. Runners</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teams are only permitted to have one runner. ii. Team runners shall be clearly identified by wearing an approved WAFC uniform. iii. Runners are not permitted to carry water.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Team runners are not permitted to remain on the playing surface. Team runners are to deliver one message from the coach to a player and return immediately to the Coaches Box via the interchange area. v. Team runners are not permitted to 'coach' whilst on the ground. vi. Team runners must enter and exit the playing field through the interchange area at all times. vii. Team runners should be an adult. viii. Team runners are not to carry out any other team official duties during a match. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ix. The team runner is permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>7d. Water Carriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No more than two Water Carriers are permitted per team, per match in. Additional water carriers can be applied for at the discretion of the WAFC. ii. Water carriers shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. Water carriers are not to become involved in any capacity in on field coaching. They are to deliver water promptly and exit the field immediately. iv. Water carriers should be an adult. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Water carriers are not permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>7e. Medical Officer/Trainer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team shall provide a team medical officer/sports trainer with a current Provide First Aid – 1 Day Accreditation (previously known as Senior First Aid/Apply First Aid). ii. The team medical officer/sports trainer shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. The team medical officer/sports trainer must be able to prove, upon request by league officials, suitable proof of qualifications to assess and remove injured players on a stretcher. iv. Should a team fail to provide a qualified medical officer/sports trainer, then the opposing teams suitably trained medical officer/sports trainer may assume control of injured players for both teams. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Only one Medical Officer/Trainer is permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>7f. General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team official under suspension for a breach of the Laws of the Game or the WAFC Rules & Regulations may not play or officiate in any game of Australian Football during the period of suspension. This includes any affiliated senior, junior, WAFL, Country, School or Interstate competition. ii. Team Officials are not permitted to make intentional contact with opposition players under any circumstances.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Laws of Australian Football](#)

WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations

WAFC POL.04 – Equal Opportunity

WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation

WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy

WAFC COMPRULES.9-10: Year 9 – Year 10 Male Competition Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Year 9 – Year 10 Male Competition Rules
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC COMPRULES.9-10
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	20 February 2019

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 the Year 9 – Year 10 age group 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 age group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower age group shall be applied.

KEY CHANGES

A summary of the key rule changes from Year 7 - Year 8 competitions to Year 9 – Year 10 competitions have been outlined below;

- **1d.** – Match length increased to 4x 20-minute quarters.
- **2a.** – General match rules as per AFL Laws of Australian Football, e.g. no restrictions on kicking the ball off the ground, no restrictions on the amount of bounces etc.

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COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, ground sizes should be set as follows: Year 9 15-a-side: 120m – 150m (L) x 90 – 120m (W). Year 9 – Year 10 18-a-side: 135m – 185m (L) x 110m – 155m (W).
1b. Football	Size 4 leather footballs
1c. Number of Players	18-a-side 15-a-side (Year 9 option) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maximum of 5 players on the bench ii. Numbers on the field should always be even
1d. Match Length	4x 20-minute quarters.
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. General	Rules as per AFL Laws of Australian Football
2b. Positions	Year 9 15-a-side: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Soft zone resets at centre bounces: ii. 5 forwards, 5 midfielders & 5 defenders Year 9 – 12 18-a-side: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. As per AFL Laws of Australian Football
2c. Out of Bounds	Year 9 15-a-side: Last Possession Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent. v. If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent. vi. If the ball is off hands or a player's body, a ball-up is to occur 10 metres in from the boundary line. vii. 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. Year 9 – 12 18-a-side: As per AFL Laws of Australian Football
2d. Protected Area	The protected area at this level is 5 metres.
2e. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3. COMPETITION RULES	
3a. Team Nominations	In addition to the general Team Nomination requirements in WAFC POL.10A, If a club enters more than one team in a single division in any Year 9 or Year 10 age group or has multiple teams in an age group, then the following is to apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players are not permitted to move from one team to another team in the same Club and age group after Round One of that season. If this occurs, they will be judged as an ineligible player. Team lists are to remain constant unless the team is instructed by WAFC to re-allocate players. ii. Each team is to be treated as a separate entity.
3b. 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
3c. Awards	Best players and goal kickers may be recorded and awarded at this level.
4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY	
4a. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If a player plays five or more games in an older age group within a junior competition, they shall be deemed to be a part of that older

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	<p>age group for the remainder of the season (including finals). They will not be eligible to play any further regular season games or finals in the younger age group. If a player has played in multiple teams in the older age group within a junior competition, they will become a member of the team they played the most matches for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Players who miss matches in the qualifying rounds of a season through participation in any WAFC State Program will be credited for each match missed. The grade of game allocated will be the grade where the player has played the majority of matches in the current season. iii. Any Colts player who plays a match at WAFL level, is deemed ineligible to play Junior/Youth football on the same weekend.
<p>4b. Finals Eligibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To be eligible to take part in any finals match all non-WAFL Colts players must have played a minimum of five matches for that team in the qualifying rounds of that season. ii. A player who has suffered a long-term injury, and has subsequently not qualified for finals, may on application to the WAFC be deemed eligible given that they have provided supporting medical documentation. The final decision is at the sole discretion of the WAFC. A long-term injury refers to an injury where the recovery period is over six weeks in length. iii. Players may only compete in one finals series with the one team. <p>WAFL Colts Players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. WAFL Colts players must have played a minimum of seven matches for that team in the qualifying rounds of that season in order to be eligible for finals. v. WAFL Colts players who have played at least three quarters of the total matches of the qualifying rounds of the WAFL Colts season are ineligible to play with a junior club/team during junior finals.

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MATCH DAY ROLES

5. COMPETITION ROLES	
5a. Field Umpires	<p>The umpires' coach shall oversee a panel of umpires from which he will appoint a trained umpire(s) to officiate at each match played under the control of the WAFC. All umpires must comply with the AFL Laws of Australian Football, WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations and any Competition variations adopted by the governing bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Should a field umpire not be available to officiate at any match the opposing coaches or team officials may agree to appoint any person to act in that capacity. In such case the appointed umpire shall have the same responsibilities and authority as any umpire appointed by the Umpires Coach, including the awarding of Fairest and Best votes. An umpire appointed under this By-Law shall be named on match documents and shall receive normal match payments. ii. All field umpires shall be suitably attired for the match as approved by the WAFC. iii. The field umpire will report all stretcher callouts as per WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy. iv. The collection of umpire related match documents is at the discretion of the WAFC. v. Any officially appointed emergency umpire will have the same powers as the central umpires.
5b. Boundary Umpires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team competing in an 18-a-side competition from Year 9 and above shall supply a boundary umpire who shall be correctly attired and of sufficient knowledge and competency to correctly throw the ball into play and carry out all other responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game. ii. Boundary umpires are not required for any Year 9 15-a-side matches as the Last Possession Rule will apply as per 2c. Out of Bounds.
5c. Goal Umpires	<p>Each competing team shall supply a goal umpire who should be of sufficient knowledge and competency to carry out all responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Goal Umpires will wear the approved attire and have a minimum of two signalling flags. ii. The goal umpire will be supplied with a scorecard. The goal umpire will keep a record of each team's score during the game, will compare score cards at the end of every quarter and will change ends at half time. Goal Umpires must compare scorecards with Interchange Stewards/independent scorer at all major breaks. iii. At the conclusion of the game the Goal Umpire will date and sign the scorecards and hand them to the field umpire. iv. The Goal Umpires will endeavour to keep the area immediately behind the goal line clear of spectators and other obstructions (refer to WAFC POL.15) v. The goal umpire is not permitted to coach or encourage players.
5d. Timekeeper	<p>The home team shall supply a Timekeeper for each game. The Timekeeper will have a means of keeping time and of indicating the end of each quarter to the field umpire, and be deemed to be the official time keeper</p>
5e. Interchange Steward	<p>Both the home and away teams are responsible for providing an Interchange Steward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only one steward per team is permitted inside the interchange area where they must remain for the duration of the match.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. In the event an interchange steward is not in attendance the appointed timekeeper/s will be responsible for the recording of the send-off details and make notes of any issues that would usually be the responsibility of the Interchange Steward.
5f. Independent Scorer	<p>The Home Team shall provide and independent scorer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Independent Scorer is permitted to be the same person as the Interchange Steward. ii. The Independent Scorer shall carryout their duties in accordance with the AFL Laws of the Game iii. The Goal umpires and the independent scorer shall enter all goals and behinds and confer at the conclusion of each quarter. iv. Should any discrepancy occur in the scores recorded by both goal umpires then the scores will be clarified with the umpires and the independent scorer, with the scorecard of the independent scorer being deemed as the official score.
6. TEAM ROLES	
6a. Coaches	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team for any match shall have a coach who is subject to the same investigations and penalties as a player, including suspensions, sanctions and fines. ii. Coaches must play all eligible and able players up to the maximum allowed in both home and away and finals matches. iii. Coaches must adhere to the Equal Opportunity Policy for all players in all games, including finals (refer to WAFC POL.04) <p>Accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only accredited coaches will be able to be selected on a team sheet. ii. At minimum all head coaches must be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach via CoachAFL prior to coaching their first fixtured match. iii. If a coach is not a CoachAFL member and does not hold at minimum, an age appropriate Foundation Coach accreditation, they will not be permitted to coach. iv. All assistant coaches must be accredited as an age appropriate Foundation Coach prior to coaching their first fixtured match. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. All coaching staff must remain within the Coaches Box. Only listed coaching staff can remain in the Coaches Box. Coaching staff may only exit the Coaches Box at authorised quarter changes, half time and at the conclusion of the match. v. Each team is permitted to have a maximum of three coaches inside the Coaches Box (1 head coach & 2 assistant coaches).
6b. Team Manager	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team is required to have a team manager who will act as the primary point of contact for umpires, between competing teams and match officials. ii. The Home Team Manager is responsible for the welfare of the umpires on match day. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Team managers are permitted inside the coaches box.

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<p>6c. Runners</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teams are only permitted to have one runner. ii. Team runners shall be clearly identified by wearing an approved WAFC uniform. iii. Runners are not permitted to carry water. iv. Team runners are not permitted to remain on the playing surface. Team runners are to deliver one message from the coach to a player and return immediately to the Coaches Box via the interchange area. v. Team runners are not permitted to ‘coach’ whilst on the ground. vi. Team runners must enter and exit the playing field through the interchange area at all times. vii. Team runners should be an adult. viii. Team runners are not to carry out any other team official duties during a match <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ix. The team runner is permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6d. Water Carriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No more than two Water Carriers are permitted per team, per match in. Additional water carriers can be applied for at the discretion of the WAFC. ii. Water carriers shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. Water carriers are not to become involved in any capacity in on field coaching. They are to deliver water promptly and exit the field immediately. iv. Water carriers should be an adult. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Water carriers are not permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6e. Medical Officer/Trainer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team shall provide a team medical officer/sports trainer with a current Provide First Aid – 1 Day Accreditation (previously known as Senior First Aid/Apply First Aid). ii. The team medical officer/sports trainer shall be clearly identified by wearing approved WAFC uniform. iii. The team medical officer/sports trainer must be able to prove, upon request by league officials, suitable proof of qualifications to assess and remove injured players on a stretcher. iv. Should a team fail to provide a qualified medical officer/sports trainer, then the opposing teams suitably trained medical officer/sports trainer may assume control of injured players for both teams. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Only one Medical Officer/Trainer is permitted inside the coaches box.
<p>6f. General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team official under suspension for a breach of the Laws of the Game or the WAFC Rules & Regulations may not play or officiate in any game of Australian Football during the period of suspension. This includes any affiliated senior, junior, WAFL, Country, School or Interstate competition. ii. Team Officials are not permitted to make intentional contact with opposition players under any circumstances.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Laws of Australian Football](#)

WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations

WAFC POL.04 – Equal Opportunity

WAFC POL.10A – Team Nominations

WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation

WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy

WAFC COMPRULES.YG7-11: Year 7 – Year 11 Youth Girls

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Year 7 – Year 11 Youth Girls Competition Rules
Procedure Reference Number:	WAFC COMPRULES.YG7-11
Adapted by:	TM
Last Modified:	20 February 2019

BACKGROUND

All competitions managed by the West Australian Football Commission are played as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football. The below modifications have been made to Youth Girls (Female Year 7 – Year 11) age group to assist players with skill development and an understanding of the game. 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 age group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower age group shall be applied.

KEY CHANGES

A summary of the key rule changes from Year 5 - Year 6 competitions to Year 7 – Year 11 Youth Girls competitions have been outlined below;

- **1c.** – Restrictions on the number of players allowed on the bench in competitions.
- **1c.** - Number of players increased from 12 to 15-a-side from Year 9.
- **2b.** – Starting positions changes slightly from 5 lines of 3 to 3 lines of 5 from Year 9.
- **2c.** – The same two players may contest the ball-up at each centre bounce.
- **2f.** – Minimum distance required for the ball to travel is increased from 10m to 15m from Year 9
- **2g.** – Maximum amount of bounces is increased from 1 to 2.
- **3a.** – Tackling is permitted as per AFL Laws of the Game
- **5a.** – Scoring, match results, premiership points, ladders and finals are all permitted.

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COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, ground sizes should be set as follows: Year 7 – Year 8: 90m – 110m (L) x 70 – 85m (W). Year 9 – Year 11: 110m – 140m (L) x 70m – 110m (W)
1b. Football	Year 7 – Year 8: Size 3 leather footballs Year 9 – Year 11: Size 4 leather footballs
1c. Number of Players	Year 7 – Year 8: 12-a-side Year 9 – Year 11: 15-a-side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maximum of 5 players on the bench ii. Numbers on the field should always be even
1d. Match Length	4x 15-minute quarters
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. Start of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ball-up in the centre of the ground between 2 players. ii. Payers are not permitted to take full possession out of a ruck contest. iii. Maximum of 3 players from each team permitted within 20 metres of ball up.
2b. Positions	Year 7 – Year 8: Soft zone resets at centre bounces: 4 forwards, 4 midfielders & 4 defenders Year 9 – Year 11: Soft zone resets at centre bounces: 5 forwards, 5 midfielders & 5 defenders
2c. After a Goal	After a goal a ball-up should occur in the centre of the ground as per 2a.
2d. Out of Bounds	<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. 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.
2e. Scrimmage	Umpire to stop play before throwing the ball up. Coaches should instruct players to get into position as per 2b to teach players the positions and reduce congestion.
2f. Marking	A mark is to be awarded for any kick that travels a minimum of 15 metres
2g. Bouncing	Players are only permitted to bounce (or touch the ball on the ground) twice before disposing of the ball.
2h. Kicking off the Ground	Players are not permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground or use feet to control the ball whilst it is on the ground. Whereby the foot makes accidental contact to the ball, the umpire will call play on.
2i. Protected Area	The protected area at this level is 5 metres.
2j. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3. CONTACT	
3a. Tackling	Tackling is permitted as per AFL Laws of the Game.
4. COMPETITION RULES	
4a. Team Nominations	In addition to the general Team Nomination requirements in WAFC POL.10A, If a club enters more than one team in a single Youth Girls division in any Year 9 or Year 11 age group or has multiple teams in an age group, then the following is to apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players are not permitted to move from one team to another team in the same Club and age group after Round One of that season. If

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	<p>this occurs, they will be judged as an ineligible player. Team lists are to remain constant unless the team is instructed by WAFC to re-allocate players.</p> <p>ii. Each team is to be treated as a separate entity.</p>
4b. Competition	<p>i. Scoring and match results are permitted</p> <p>ii. Premiership points and ladders are permitted</p> <p>iii. Finals are played</p>
4c. Awards	<p>Year 7: No awards (Best & Fairest etc) at this level.</p> <p>Year 8 - 11: Best players and goal kickers may be recorded and awarded.</p>
5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY	
5a. General	<p>i. If a player plays five or more games in an older age group within a junior competition, they shall be deemed to be a part of that older age group for the remainder of the season (including finals). They will not be eligible to play any further regular season games or finals in the younger age group. If a player has played in multiple teams in the older age group within a junior competition, they will become a member of the team they played the most matches for.</p> <p>ii. Players who miss matches in the qualifying rounds of a season through participation in any WAFC State Program will be credited for each match missed. The grade of game allocated will be the grade where the player has played the majority of matches in the current season.</p>
5b. Finals Eligibility	<p>i. To be eligible to take part in any finals match, players must have played a minimum of five matches for that team in the qualifying rounds of that season.</p> <p>ii. A player who has suffered a long-term injury, and has subsequently not qualified for finals, may on application to the WAFC be deemed eligible given that they have provided supporting medical documentation. The final decision is at the sole discretion of the WAFC. A long-term injury refers to an injury where the recovery period is over six weeks in length.</p> <p>iii. Players may only compete in one finals series with the one team.</p>

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MATCH DAY ROLES

6. COMPETITION ROLES	
6a. Field Umpires	<p>The umpires' coach shall oversee a panel of umpires from which he will appoint a trained umpire(s) to officiate at each match played under the control of the WAFC. All umpires must comply with the AFL Laws of Australian Football, WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations and any Competition variations adopted by the governing bodies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Should a field umpire not be available to officiate at any match the opposing coaches or team officials may agree to appoint any person to act in that capacity. In such case the appointed umpire shall have the same responsibilities and authority as any umpire appointed by the Umpires Coach, including the awarding of Fairest and Best votes. An umpire appointed under this By-Law shall be named on match documents and shall receive normal match payments. ii. All field umpires shall be suitably attired for the match as approved by the WAFC. iii. The field umpire will report all stretcher callouts as per WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy. iv. The collection of umpire related match documents is at the discretion of the WAFC. v. Any officially appointed emergency umpire will have the same powers as the central umpires.
6b. Boundary Umpires	Boundary umpires are not required for Year 9 – Year 11 Youth Girls matches as the Last Possession Rule will apply as per 2d. Out of Bounds.
6c. Goal Umpires	<p>Each competing team shall supply a goal umpire who should be of sufficient knowledge and competency to carry out all responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Goal Umpires will wear the approved attire and have a minimum of two signalling flags. ii. The goal umpire will be supplied with a scorecard. The goal umpire will keep a record of each team's score during the game, will compare score cards at the end of every quarter and will change ends at half time. Goal Umpires must compare scorecards with Interchange Stewards/independent scorer at all major breaks. iii. At the conclusion of the game the Goal Umpire will date and sign the scorecards and hand them to the field umpire. iv. The Goal Umpires will endeavour to keep the area immediately behind the goal line clear of spectators and other obstructions (refer to WAFC POL.15) v. The goal umpire is not permitted to coach or encourage players.
6d. Timekeeper	The home team shall supply a Timekeeper for each game. The Timekeeper will have a means of keeping time and of indicating the end of each quarter to the field umpire, and be deemed to be the official time keeper
6e. Interchange Steward	<p>Both the home and away teams are responsible for providing an Interchange Steward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only one steward per team is permitted inside the interchange area where they must remain for the duration of the match. ii. In the event an interchange steward is not in attendance the appointed timekeeper/s will be responsible for the recording of the send-off details and make notes of any issues that would usually be the responsibility of the Interchange Steward.
6f. Independent Scorer	<p>The Home Team shall provide an independent scorer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Independent Scorer is permitted to be the same person as the

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	<p>Interchange Steward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. The Independent Scorer shall carryout their duties in accordance with the AFL Laws of the Game iii. The Goal umpires and the independent scorer shall enter all goals and behinds and confer at the conclusion of each quarter. iv. Should any discrepancy occur in the scores recorded by both goal umpires then the scores will be clarified with the umpires and the independent scorer, with the scorecard of the independent scorer being deemed as the official score.
7. TEAM ROLES	
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
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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 the Year 11 – Year 12 age group 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 age group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower age group shall be applied.

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COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, ground sizes should be set as 135m – 185m (L) x 110m – 155m (W).
1b. Football	Size 5 leather footballs
1c. Number of Players	18-a-side
1d. Match Length	4x 20-minute quarters.
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. General	Rules as per AFL Laws of Australian Football
2b. Protected Area	The protected area at this level is 5 metres.
2c. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3. COMPETITION RULES	
3a. Team Nominations	Players are permitted to move from one team to another team in the same Club. For all other general team nomination requirements, please refer to WAFC POL.10A.
3b. 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
3c. Awards	Best players and goal kickers may be recorded and awarded at this level.
4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY	
4a. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players who miss matches in the qualifying rounds of a season through participation in any WAFC State Program will be credited for each match missed. The games will be allocated to the division where the player has played the majority of matches in the current season. ii. Any Colts player who plays a match at WAFL level, is deemed ineligible to play Youth football on the same weekend.
4b. Finals Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To be eligible to take part in any finals match all non-WAFL Colts players must have played a minimum of five matches for that club in the qualifying rounds of that season for the Year 11–12 competition age group. ii. The division a player is permitted to play finals is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A player is permitted to play in any higher division final. b) A player is permitted to play in any division final provided he has played five qualifying matches in the respective division he intends to play. c) A player who plays in a finals match of a higher division is permitted to play in a lower division final (after the higher grade is eliminated) as long as the player has played five qualifying matches in that lower division. d) A player who has played less than five qualifying matches in a division is only permitted to play finals in the highest division in which he has played. e) Where a club has more than one team playing in a final on the same day a player from a higher division may play for the lower division, except those players stated in 4b(ii)(d) and 4b(ii)(c). iii. A player who has suffered a long-term injury, and has subsequently not qualified for finals, may on application to the WAFC be deemed eligible given that they have provided supporting medical documentation. The final decision is at the sole discretion of the WAFC. A long-term injury refers to an injury where the recovery period is over six weeks in length.

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MATCH DAY ROLES

5. COMPETITION ROLES	
5a. Field Umpires	<p>The umpires' coach shall oversee a panel of umpires from which he will appoint a trained umpire(s) to officiate at each match played under the control of the WAFC. All umpires must comply with the AFL Laws of Australian Football, WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations and any Competition variations adopted by the governing bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Should a field umpire not be available to officiate at any match the opposing coaches or team officials may agree to appoint any person to act in that capacity. In such case the appointed umpire shall have the same responsibilities and authority as any umpire appointed by the Umpires Coach, including the awarding of Fairest and Best votes. An umpire appointed under this By-Law shall be named on match documents and shall receive normal match payments. ii. All field umpires shall be suitably attired for the match as approved by the WAFC. iii. The field umpire will report all stretcher callouts as per WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy. iv. The collection of umpire related match documents is at the discretion of the WAFC. v. Any officially appointed emergency umpire will have the same powers as the central umpires.
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