

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## 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.

A Person must not engage in conduct which is unbecoming or likely to prejudice the interests or reputation of Junior Football or to bring the game of football into disrepute.

### 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 via the

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Club President.

- 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.