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

## 54. YEAR 3 AND 4 COMPETITION RULES

All WAFC managed competitions are played as per the AFL Laws of the Game. The below modifications have been made to Year 3 & 4 competitions to assist players with skill development and develop an understanding of the game.

MATCH OPERATIONS								
54.a	Ground Size	As per <b>32.k Ground Size Summary</b> ;  Year 3 – Year 4 competitions must be 80m – 100m (L) x 50m – 75m (W)						
54.b	Ball Size	As per <b>35.4 Match Balls</b> ;  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 3</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 4</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 3/4 Female</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 1 synthetic</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 2 synthetic</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 1 synthetic</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Female</b>	Size 1 synthetic	Size 2 synthetic	Size 1 synthetic
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Size 1 synthetic	Size 2 synthetic	Size 1 synthetic						
54.c	Player numbers	As per <b>37.4 Match On-Field Equalisation</b> ;  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 3</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 4</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 3/4 Female</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">12-a-side</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15-a-side</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12-a-side</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All ages: Unlimited reserves</b></p>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Female</b>	12-a-side	15-a-side	12-a-side
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Female</b>						
12-a-side	15-a-side	12-a-side						
54.d	Match Length	As per <b>34.a and 34.c Match Duration</b> ;  <p style="text-align: center;">4x 15-minute quarters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Breaks are 3 minutes, 8 minutes and 3 minutes</p>						
GENERAL MATCH RULES								
54.e	Start of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ball-up in the centre of the ground between two (2) players of approximate equal size.</li> <li>• Players are not permitted to take full possession out of a ruck contest.</li> <li>• Maximum of three (3) players from each team are permitted within twenty (20) metres of ball up.</li> </ul>						
54.f	Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soft zone resets at each stoppage.</li> <li>• No rucks or rovers</li> <li>• Positions as per <b>37.7 Match On-Field Equalisation</b>; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15-a-side: 3 groups of 5 (5x Defenders, 5x Mids/Wings and 5x Forwards)</li> <li>• 12-a-side: 3 groups of 4 (4x Defenders, 4x Mids/Wings and 4x Forwards)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
54.g	Out of Bounds	<p><b>Last Possession Rule</b> in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If the ball is off hands or a players body, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> </ul>						

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the Field Umpire has any doubt as to whose free kick it is, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> </ul>
54.h	Scrimmage	Field Umpire to stop play and with the help of the Coaches (remaining in the Coaches Box), instruct players to return to their positions before throwing the ball up. This is to teach players the positions and reduce congestion.
54.i	Marking	A mark is awarded for any reasonable attempt at catching the ball, regardless of distance covered.
54.j	Bouncing	Players are only permitted to bounce (or touch the ball on the ground) once, before disposing of the ball.
54.k	Kicking off the Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players are not permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground or use their feet to control the ball whilst it is on the ground.</li> <li>Whereby the foot makes accidental contact to the ball, the umpire will call play on.</li> </ul>
54.l	Deliberate Rushed Behind	Deliberate rushed behinds will not apply at this level.
54.m	Protected area	The protected area at this level is five (5) metres.
54.n	50m Penalties	Due to the reduced size of the playing field, the Field Umpire may award a twenty-five (25) metre penalty.
54.o	Order-off Rule	To be applied as per section 45, <b>Send off Rule</b> .

## CONTACT

54.p	Tackling	<p><b>Modified Wrap Tackle Rule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players may wrap both arms around an opponent.</li> <li>Players must not drop to the ground.</li> <li>Strictly no slinging or bringing the opposition to the ground.</li> <li>Grabbing the arm is not permitted.</li> <li>Once tackled legally, players have three (3) seconds to dispose of the ball, or a free kick for <i>holding the ball</i> will be awarded.</li> <li>If the player being tackled deliberately goes to ground, a free kick for <i>holding the ball</i> will be awarded to the tackling player.</li> </ul>
54.q	High Contact	All high contact shall be paid as a free kick regardless if the ball carrier was responsible for the high contact via a shrug, drop, arm lift or duck.
54.r	Bumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strictly no bumping.</li> <li>When in possession of the ball, no fending, pushing off or barging.</li> </ul>
54.s	Smothering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strictly no smothering, stripping or stealing of the ball.</li> </ul>
54.t	Shepherding	Players are not permitted to push, shoulder or block an opponent who is not in possession of the ball.

COMPETITION RESULTS		
54.u	Competition	As per section 42 <b>Match Results</b> : No match results, premiership points, ladders or finals.
54.v	Awards	No awards (Fairest and Best etc) at this level.
PLAYER ELIGIBILITY		
54.w	Player Movement	Players are not permitted to play for another team in the same age group.
54.x	Age Dispensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a child is born after 30/06/2016, they are not permitted to play in Year 3 or older competitions. These children instead participate in the Auskick Program.</li> <li>• All other requests for Play downs are as per section 7: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Downs</b></li> </ul>
COACHES		
54.y	Coaches	<p>Coaches are to remain in the Coaches Box during game play as per section <b>21.8: Coaches and Assistant Coaches.</b></p> <p><i>For avoidance of doubt: in previous seasons, Coaches were able to be on the Playing Surface during game play however this is no longer permitted.</i></p>

## 55. YEAR 5 AND 6 COMPETITION RULES

All WAFC managed competitions are played as per the AFL Laws of the Game. The below modifications have been made to Year 5 & 6 competitions to assist players with skill development and develop an understanding of the game.

MATCH OPERATIONS								
55.a	Ground Size	As per 32.k <b>Ground Size Summary</b> ;  Year 5 – Year 6 competitions must be 90m – 110m (L) x 70m – 85m (W)						
55.b	Ball Size	As per 35.4 <b>Match Balls</b> ;  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 5</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 6</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 5/6 Female</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 2 leather</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 3 leather</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 2 synthetic</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Female</b>	Size 2 leather	Size 3 leather	Size 2 synthetic
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Female</b>						
Size 2 leather	Size 3 leather	Size 2 synthetic						
55.c	Player numbers	As per 37.4 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b> ;  <b>All ages: 15-a-side with Unlimited reserves</b>						
55.d	Match Length	As per 34.a and 34.c <b>Match Duration</b> ;  4x 15-minute quarters  Breaks are 3 minutes, 8 minutes and 3 minutes						
GENERAL MATCH RULES								
55.e	Start of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ball-up in the centre of the ground between two (2) players of approximate equal size.</li> <li>• Players are not permitted to take full possession out of a ruck contest.</li> <li>• Maximum of three (3) players from each team are permitted within twenty (20) metres of ball up.</li> </ul>						
55.f	Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soft zone resets at each stoppage.</li> <li>• No rucks or rovers</li> <li>• Positions as per 37.7 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b>;  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15-a-side: 3 groups of 5 (5x Defenders, 5x Mids/Wings and 5x Forwards)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
55.g	Out of Bounds	<b>Last Possession Rule</b> in place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If the ball is off hands or a players body, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> <li>• If the Field Umpire has any doubt as to whose free kick it is, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> </ul>						
55.h	Scrimmage	Field Umpire to stop play and with the help of the Coaches, instruct players to return to their positions before throwing the ball up. This is to teach players the positions and reduce congestion.						
55.i	Marking	A mark is awarded for any kick that travels a minimum of ten (10) metres.						

55.j	Bouncing	Players are only permitted to bounce (or touch the ball on the ground) once, before disposing of the ball.
55.k	Kicking off the Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players are not permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground or use their feet to control the ball whilst it is on the ground.</li> <li>• Whereby the foot makes accidental contact to the ball, the umpire will call play on.</li> </ul>
55.l	Deliberate Rushed Behind	Deliberate rushed behinds will not apply at this level.
55.m	Protected area	The protected area at this level is five (5) metres.
55.n	50m Penalties	Due to the reduced size of the playing field, the Field Umpire may award a twenty-five (25) metre penalty.
55.o	Order-off Rule	To be applied as per section 45, <b>Send off Rule</b> .
<b>CONTACT</b>		
55.p	Tackling	<p><b>Modified Wrap Tackle Rule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players may wrap both arms around an opponent.</li> <li>• Players may take their opponent to the ground by dropping their weight.</li> <li>• Strictly no slinging or bringing the opposition player to the ground in an aggressive manner.</li> <li>• Once tackled legally, players have three (3) seconds to dispose of the ball, or a free kick for <i>holding the ball</i> will be awarded.</li> </ul>
55.q	High Contact	All high contact shall be paid as a free kick regardless if the ball carrier was responsible for the high contact via a shrug, drop, arm lift or duck.
55.r	Bumping	Bumping is permitted as per AFL Laws of the Game.
55.s	Smothering	• Stealing or smothering the football while the opponent is in the process of kicking or has possession in general play is permitted.
55.t	Shepherding	Players are permitted to block opponents and bump within five (5) metres of the ball.
<b>COMPETITION RESULTS</b>		
55.u	Competition	As per section 42 <b>Match Results</b> : No match results, premiership points, ladders or finals.
55.v	Awards	No awards (Fairest and Best etc) at this level.
<b>PLAYER ELIGIBILITY</b>		
55.w	Player Movement	Players are not permitted to play for another team in the same age group.
55.x	Age Dispensation	Play ups and downs are permitted as per section 6: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Ups</b> and 7: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Downs</b> .

## 56. YEAR 7 AND 8 COMPETITION RULES

All WAFC managed competitions are played as per the AFL Laws of the Game. The below modifications have been made to Year 7 & 8 competitions to assist players with skill development and ensure fair and even competitions.

MATCH OPERATIONS								
56.a	Ground Size	As per 32.k <b>Ground Size Summary</b> ;  Year 7 – Year 8 competitions must be 110m – 140m (L) x 70m – 110m (W)						
56.b	Ball Size	As per 35.4 <b>Match Balls</b> ;  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 7</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 8</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 7/8 Female</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 3 leather</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 4 leather</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Size 3 leather</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 7/8 Female</b>	Size 3 leather	Size 4 leather	Size 3 leather
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 7/8 Female</b>						
Size 3 leather	Size 4 leather	Size 3 leather						
56.c	Player numbers	As per 37.4 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b> ;  <b>All ages:</b> 15-a-side with a maximum of five (5) players on the bench.						
56.d	Match Length	As per <b>34.a and 34.c Match Duration</b> ;  4x 15-minute quarters  Breaks are 5 minutes, 10 minutes and 5 minutes						
GENERAL MATCH RULES								
56.e	Start of Play	Players are not permitted to take full possession out of a ruck contest.						
56.f	Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positions as per 37.7 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b>;</li> <li>• 15-a-side: 5 forwards, 3 midfielders, 2 wings and 5 defenders</li> </ul>						
56.g	Out of Bounds	<p><b>Last Possession Rule</b> in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If the ball is off hands or a players body, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> <li>• If the Field Umpire has any doubt as to whose free kick it is, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> </ul>						
56.h	Scrimmage	Field Umpire to stop play and with the help of the Coaches, instruct players to return to their positions before throwing the ball up. This is to teach players the positions and reduce congestion.						
56.i	Marking	A mark is awarded for any kick that travels a minimum of fifteen (15) metres.						
56.j	Bouncing	Players are only permitted to bounce (or touch the ball on the ground) twice, before disposing of the ball.						
56.k	Kicking off the Ground	Players are permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground or use their feet to control the ball whilst it is on the ground.						
56.l	Deliberate Rushed Behind	Deliberate Rushed Behinds will be paid as per the AFL Laws of the Game.						

56.m	Protected area	The protected area at this level is five (5) metres.
56.n	Order-off Rule	To be applied as per section 45, <b>Send off Rule</b> .
<b>CONTACT</b>		
56.o	Contact	Tackling, bumping, smothering and shepherding is permitted as per AFL Laws of the Game.
56.p	High Contact	All high contact shall be paid as a free kick regardless if the ball carrier was responsible for the high contact via a shrug, drop, arm lift or duck.
<b>COMPETITION RESULTS</b>		
56.q	Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoring and match results are permitted as per section 42 <b>Match Results</b>.</li> <li>• Premiership Points and Ladders are permitted as per section 43 <b>Premiership Points and Ladders</b></li> <li>• E-Points will be awarded as per section 44 <b>E-points</b>.</li> <li>• Finals are played.</li> </ul>
56.r	Awards	Best Players and Goal Kickers may be recorded and awarded at this level.
<b>PLAYER ELIGIBILITY</b>		
56.s	Player Movement	Players are not permitted to play for another team in the same age group.
56.t	Age Dispensation	Play ups and downs are permitted as per section 6: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Ups</b> and 7: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Downs</b> .
56.u	Finals Eligibility	Players are eligible to participate in finals as per section 13: <b>Finals Eligibility</b> .



## 57. YEAR 9 AND 10 COMPETITION RULES

All WAFC managed competitions are played as per the AFL Laws of the Game. The below modifications have been made to Year 9 & 10 competitions to assist players with skill development and ensure fair and even competitions.

MATCH OPERATIONS						
57.a	Ground Size	As per 32.k <b>Ground Size Summary</b> ; Year 9 and Year 9/10 Female competitions must be 120m – 150m (L) x 90m – 120m (W) Year 10 Male competitions must be 135m – 185m (L) x 110m – 155m (W)				
57.b	Ball Size	As per 35.4 <b>Match Balls</b> ;  <b>All ages: Size 4 leather</b>				
57.c	Player numbers	As per 37.4 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b> ;  <b>All ages: 15-a-side with a maximum of five (5) players on the bench.</b>				
57.d	Match Length	A per 34.a and 34.c <b>Match Duration</b> ;  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"><b>Year 9/10 Female</b> 4x 15-minute quarters</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"><b>Year 9 and Year 10</b> 4x 20-minute quarters</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Breaks are 5 minutes, 10 minutes and 5 minutes</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Year 9/10 Female</b> 4x 15-minute quarters	<b>Year 9 and Year 10</b> 4x 20-minute quarters	Breaks are 5 minutes, 10 minutes and 5 minutes	
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Breaks are 5 minutes, 10 minutes and 5 minutes						
GENERAL MATCH RULES						
57.e	General	Rules as per AFL Laws of the Game.				
57.f	Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positions as per 37.7 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b>;</li> <li>• 15-a-side: 5 forwards, 3 midfielders, 2 wings and 5 defenders</li> </ul>				
57.g	Out of Bounds	<p><b>Last Possession Rule</b> in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>• If the ball is off hands or a players body, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> <li>• If the Field Umpire has any doubt as to whose free kick it is, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> </ul>				
57.l	Deliberate Rushed Behind	Deliberate Rushed Behinds will be paid as per the AFL Laws of the Game.				
57.m	Protected area	The protected area at this level is five (5) metres.				
57.n	Order-off Rule	To be applied as per section 45, <b>Send off Rule</b> .				
CONTACT						
57.p	High Contact	All high contact shall be paid as a free kick regardless if the ball carrier was responsible for the high contact via a shrug, drop, arm lift or duck.				

COMPETITION RESULTS		
57.q	Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scoring and match results are permitted as per section 42 <b>Match Results</b>.</li> <li>Premiership Points and Ladders are permitted as per section 43 <b>Premiership Points and Ladders</b></li> <li>E-Points will be awarded as per section 44 <b>E-points</b>.</li> <li>Finals are played.</li> </ul>
57.r	Awards	Best Players and Goal Kickers may be recorded and awarded at this level.
PLAYER ELIGIBILITY		
57.s	Player Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players are not permitted to play for another team in the same age group.</li> <li>Players are eligible to play across multiple competitions (ie WAFL, WAFLW, PFL) as per section 9 <b>Permits and Multiple Competitions</b>.</li> </ul>
57.t	Age Dispensation	Play ups and downs are permitted as per section 6: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Ups</b> and 7: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Downs</b> .
57.u	Finals Eligibility	Players are eligible to participate in finals as per section 13: <b>Finals Eligibility</b> .

## 58. YEAR 11 AND 12 COMPETITION RULES

All WAFC managed competitions are played as per the AFL Laws of the Game. The below modifications have been made to Year 11 & 12 competitions to assist players with skill development and ensure fair and even competitions.

MATCH OPERATIONS		
58.a	Ground Size	As per 32.k <b>Ground Size Summary</b> ;  Year 11 – Year 12 competitions must be 135m – 185m (L) x 110m – 155m (W)
58.b	Ball Size	As per 35.4 <b>Match Balls</b> ;  <b>Year 11/12 Female</b> Size 4 leather  <b>Year 11/12 Male</b> Size 5 leather
58.c	Player numbers	As per 37.4 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b> ;  <b>Year 11/12 Female</b> 16-a-side  <b>Year 11/12 Male</b> 18-a-side  <b>All ages:</b> A maximum of five (5) players on the bench.
58.d	Match Length	As per 34.a and 34.c <b>Match Duration</b> ;  <b>Year 11/12 Female</b> 4x 15-minute quarters  <b>Year 11/12 Male</b> 4x 20-minute quarters  Breaks are 5 minutes, 10 minutes and 5 minutes
GENERAL MATCH RULES		
58.e	General	Rules as per AFL Laws of the Game.
58.f	Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positions as per 37.7 <b>Match On-Field Equalisation</b>;</li> <li>16-a-side (Female competitions): 5 forwards, 4 midfielders, 2 wings and 5 defenders</li> <li>18-a-side (Male competitions): 6 forwards, 4 midfielders, 2 wings and 6 defenders</li> </ul>
58.g	Out of Bounds  <b>* Year 11/12 Female Competition only</b>	<b>Last Possession Rule</b> in place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From a kick or handball, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>If a player runs the ball over the boundary line, a free kick is to be awarded to the nearest opponent.</li> <li>If the ball is off hands or a players body, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> <li>If the Field Umpire has any doubt as to whose free kick it is, a ball-up is to occur ten (10) metres in from the boundary line.</li> </ul>
58.h	Deliberate Rushed Behind	Deliberate Rushed Behinds will be paid as per the AFL Laws of the Game.
58.i	Insufficient Intent	Insufficient Intent will be paid as per the AFL Laws of the Game.

58.j	Order-off Rule	To be applied as per section 45, <b>Send off Rule</b> .
<b>CONTACT</b>		
58.k	High Contact	Where a tackle is reasonably applied and the ball carrier is responsible for the high contact via a shrug, drop, arm lift or duck, play on shall be called.
<b>COMPETITION RESULTS</b>		
58.l	Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoring and match results are permitted as per section 42 <b>Match Results</b>.</li> <li>• Premiership Points and Ladders are permitted as per section 43 <b>Premiership Points and Ladders</b></li> <li>• E-Points will be awarded as per section 44 <b>E-points</b>.</li> <li>• Finals are played.</li> </ul>
58.m	Awards	Best Players and Goal Kickers may be recorded and awarded at this level.
<b>PLAYER ELIGIBILITY</b>		
58.n	Player Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players are not permitted to play for another team in the same age group.</li> <li>• Players are eligible to play across multiple competitions (ie WAFL, WAFLW, PFL) as per section 9 <b>Permits and Multiple Competitions</b>.</li> </ul>
58.o	Age Dispensation	Play ups and downs are permitted as per section 6: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Ups</b> and 7: <b>Age Dispensation – Play Downs</b> .
58.p	Finals Eligibility	Players are eligible to participate in finals as per section 13: <b>Finals Eligibility</b> .

## 59. COMPETITION RULES MATRIX – MODIFIED RULES

MODIFIEDS	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Players on Field	12 (unlimited bench)	15 (unlimited bench)	15 (unlimited bench)	15 (unlimited bench)
Minimum Players	7	10	10	10
Equalisation	Even-up	Even-up	Even-up	Even-up
Ground Size	80m – 100m (L) 50m – 75m (W)	80m – 100m (L) 50m – 75m (W)	90m – 110m (L) 70m – 85m (W)	90m – 110m (L) 70m – 85m (W)
Match Length	4x 15 min	4x 15 min	4x 15 min	4x 15 min
Breaks	3 mins 8 mins 3 mins	3 mins 8 mins 3 mins	3 mins 8 mins 3 mins	3 mins 8 mins 3 mins
Ball Size	Size 1 synthetic	Size 2 synthetic	Size 2 leather	Size 3 leather
Competition Details	No scores, ladders or finals. No Fairest & Best.	No scores, ladders or finals. No Fairest & Best.	No scores, ladders or finals. No Fairest & Best.	No scores, ladders or finals. No Fairest & Best.
Contact	Modified Wrap Tackle. No taking to ground.	Modified Wrap Tackle. No taking to ground.	Modified Wrap Tackle.	Modified Wrap Tackle.
Bounces	1 Bounce	1 Bounce	1 Bounce	1 Bounce
Marking	Any reasonable attempt	Any reasonable attempt	Kick must have travelled 10m	Kick must have travelled 10m
Out of Bounds	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule
Kicking off Ground	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
Stealing, bumping, smothering & shepherding.	Not permitted	Not permitted	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball
Field Umpire Fee	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40

## 60. COMPETITION RULES MATRIX – FEMALE COMPETITIONS

FEMALE	YEAR 3/4	YEAR 5/6	YEAR 7/8	YEAR 9/10	YEAR 11/12
Players on Field	12-a-side (unlimited bench)	15-a-side (unlimited bench)	15-a-side (5 on bench)	15-a-side (5 on bench)	16-a-side (5 on bench)
Minimum Players	7	10	10	10	10
Equalisation	Even-up	Even-up	Even-up	Even-down	Even-down
Ground Size	80m - 100m (L) 50m - 75m (W)	90m - 110m (L) 70m - 85m (W)	110m - 140m (L) 70m - 110m (W)	120m - 150m (L) 90m - 120m (W)	135m - 185m (L) 110m - 155m (W)
Match Length	4x 15 min	4x 15 min	4x 15 min	4x 15 min	4x 15 min
Breaks	3 mins 8 mins 3 mins	3 mins 8 mins 3 mins	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins
Ball Size	Size 1 synthetic	Size 2 synthetic	Size 3 leather	Size 4 leather	Size 4 leather
Competition Details	No scores, ladders, finals or F&B.	No scores, ladders, finals or F&B.	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.
Contact	Modified Wrap Tackle. No taking to ground.	Modified Wrap Tackle.	As per AFL Laws of the Game	As per AFL Laws of the Game	As per AFL Laws of the Game
Bounces	1 Bounce	1 Bounce	2 Bounces	Unlimited	Unlimited
Marking	Any reasonable attempt	Kick must have travelled 10m	Kick must have travelled 15m	Kick must have travelled 15m	Kick must have travelled 15m
Out of Bounds	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule
Kicking off Ground	Not permitted	Not permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Stealing, smothering, shepherding and bumping	Not permitted	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball
Field Umpire Fee	\$40	\$40	x1 ump - \$90 x2 ump - \$70 ea	x1 ump - \$100 x2 ump - \$80 ea	\$120 per umpire

## 61. COMPETITION RULES MATRIX – YOUTH COMPETITIONS

OPENS	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11/12
Players on Field	15-a-side (5 on bench)	15-a-side (5 on bench)	15-a-side (5 on bench)	15-a-side (5 on bench)	18-a-side (5 on bench)
Minimum Players	10	10	10	10	12
Equalisation	Even-up	Even-up	Even-up	Even-down	Even-down
Ground Size	110m - 140m (L) 70m - 110m (W)	110m - 140m (L) 70m - 110m (W)	120m - 150m (L) 90m - 120m (W)	135m - 185m (L) 110m - 155m (W)	135m - 185m (L) 110m - 155m (W)
Match Length	4x 15 min	4x 15 min	4x 20 min	4x 20 min	4x 20 min
Breaks	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins	5 mins 10 mins 5 mins
Ball Size	Size 3 leather	Size 4 leather	Size 4 leather	Size 4 leather	Size 5 leather
Competition Details	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.	Scores, ladders, finals and F&B permitted. E-points apply.
Contact	As per AFL Laws of the Game	As per AFL Laws of the Game	As per AFL Laws of the Game	As per AFL Laws of the Game	As per AFL Laws of the Game
Bounces	2 Bounces	2 Bounces	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Marking	Kick must have travelled 15m	Kick must have travelled 15m	Kick must have travelled 15m	Kick must have travelled 15m	Kick must have travelled 15m
Out of Bounds	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	Last Possession Rule	As per AFL Laws of the Game
Kicking off Ground	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Stealing, smothering, shepherding and bumping	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball	Permitted within 5m of the ball
Field Umpire Fee	x1 ump - \$80 x2 ump - \$60 ea	x1 ump - \$90 x2 ump - \$70 ea	x1 ump - \$100 x2 ump - \$75 ea	x1 ump - \$100 x2 ump - \$80 ea	\$120 per umpire