



MEMORANDUM

Date:	26th March 2024
To:	All AFL Queensland Community Clubs
From:	Mitchell Simpson – Competitions Manager QLD
Subject:	2024 AFLQ Community Rules and Procedures

Dear all Clubs,

Please find enclosed the 2024 AFL Queensland Community Rules and Procedures.

This document, as always should be read in conjunction with the [Laws of Australian Football](#) and the [National Community Football Policy Handbook](#).

Whilst we have endeavoured to provide an overview of all major changes, it is the responsibility of clubs to familiarise themselves with the updated Community Rules and Procedures.

Please find below overview of the key changes to the 2024 document.

Key Changes

- **Removal of rule 4.3(b)** to remove contradiction between Laws of Australian Football and Community Rules & Procedures. The use of the stretcher is per the Laws of Australian Football and should be read in conjunction with rule *4.11 Interchange Operations and Breaches*.
- **4.7(c)(i)** – AFL Queensland has included more direction in determining when a match is to be deemed incomplete. AFL Queensland’s philosophy is for all parties to pursue all possibilities for a match to be completed under its natural conditions, with respect to the considerations outlined in 4.7(c)(i).
- **4.8(i)** – Adjustment made to the QFAW Division 1 Reserves, and QFAW Division 2 finals match quarter lengths, reducing the time from 13 minutes plus time on to 12 minutes plus time on to better reflect the quarter lengths in the home and away season.
- **4.9(b)(ii)** – Removal of water carriers as a permitted role on a Junior or Youth team sheet.
- **4.9(c)** – Clarity provided for team sheet submission deadlines for finals matches scheduled on a Friday night (or mid-week), with team sheets required to be submitted online via PlayHQ 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time.
- **4.9(a)(ii)** – Clarity provided on submission deadlines for QAFL Senior and QAFLW Senior team sheets for matches occurring on Sundays or mid-week, to be 24 hours prior to the scheduled match start time.

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- **4.9(a)(iii)** – Updated definition of requirements relating to a player being eligible to be listed on a team sheet.
- **4.9(a)(vi)(B)** – Reduction in the maximum number of players allowed to be listed on a team sheet in QFAW and Regional/Affiliate League Competitions, with all Women's Competitions allowing a maximum of 21 players to be listed.
- **4.12(b)** – Updated list of competitions in which live scoring is required, with the inclusion of all Senior Women's Competitions.
- **4.15(f)** – Inclusion of the Extreme Heat Policy which is in place across Youth Competitions where water carriers have been removed.
- **4.19** – Amendments made to references of the Umpire Escort role, being replaced by the Ground Marshall requirements.
- **4.20(a)** – Inclusion of direction that a club will forfeit it's right to decline a set penalty as provided by an umpire on match day, if a team manager fails to attend the umpires' rooms post-match to receive the 'All Clear'.
- **7.7(b)(i)** – Increased requirement of the minimum average lux of lighting at QAFL and QAFLW venues requesting night matches to be 150 lux.
- **8.1(a)(iii)** – Inclusion of the requirement for players who are wishing to have matches played for Queensland U17s and U18s, Lions or Suns Academy teams or as a 'top up' player for an AFL reserves team on the same weekend as a scheduled club match will be required to have played **at least two (2)** matches for their club in the home and away season in order for these matches to be counted towards their total games played when considering finals eligibility.
- **8.1(d)(iii) | 8.1(g)(iii) | 12.3(c)** – Reflection in all rules of the increase to the number of Youth Age eligible players on a team sheet in all QFAW Competitions from two (2) to three (3).
- **12.1(c)** – Updated table included to indicate the maximum and minimum numbers in Junior and Youth Competitions.
- **12.1(d)** – Updated clarity on Youth Player Number equilisation rules.
- **12.1(h)(vi)** – Inclusion of the rule where a club has 3 teams in one age group, that a player is ineligible to play across all teams.
- **12.1(i)** – Amendments made to the 10 Goal Rule, which now states that where the margin surpasses 60 points, the trailing side will automatically start with the ball at the centre circle after a goal is scored.
- **12.1(k)** – Inclusion of the Junior and Youth Ground Size ranges.
- **12.1(l)** – Introduction of the 'Last Possession' rule in Youth and Junior Competitions.
- **12.3(b)** – Introduction of 'Last Possession' rule to QFAW Competitions.
- **12.3(e)(D)** – Removal of table managing the reduction of ground size in female competitions where numbers reduce below the maximum, with wording included to manage the equalisation of player numbers on field.
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