



# ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

2021

To be read in conjunction with  
AFL Queensland State Junior Football  
Rules & Regulations



## Adoption of Rules and Regulations

AFL Cairns Juniors (AFLCJ) adopts the Laws of Australian Football, the AFL & AFL Queensland policies, and the AFL Queensland State Junior Football Rules and Regulations. Where these Association By-Laws vary from the AFL & AFL Queensland policies, and the AFL Queensland State Junior Football Rules and Regulations, these Association By-Laws apply. On all matters where the AFLCJ Association By-Laws are silent, the AFL and AFL Queensland rules, regulations and policies apply.

## Rule Amendments

### 1.3 DEFINITIONS

AFLCJ	AFL Cairns Juniors
Junior Football	Any Australian Football competition in the Cairns region for eligible players in Under 8 to Under 18 age groups (male and female)
Officially Appointed First Aid Officer	In Youth Football, this includes the First Aid Officer appointed by AFLCJ & the home team. In Under 18s this includes the AFLCJ appointed First Aid Officer plus both home and away appointed First Aid Officers
Senior Football	Any Seniors, Reserves or Womens competition
Youth Age Group	Any age group from Under 12 to Under 18
Youth Competition	Any competition which includes mixed and/or male only teams in Under 12 to Under 18 Age Groups
Youth Girls Competition	Any competition which includes female only teams in Under 12 to Under 18 Age Groups

### 2.1 AFFILIATION

- 2.1.6 AFLCJ Annual General Meeting should usually be held in November. Each club must hold its own Annual General Meeting prior to the February after.

### 2.2 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 2.2.1 For Youth Age Groups with less than 12 teams nominated, the competition will run as a standard 'home and away' season. Fixtures will ensure that each team plays each other at least once and increase evenly at the discretion of the Competition Manager. Teams may not be scheduled to play each other 3 times in a season if they have only been scheduled to play other clubs once.

#### 2.2.3 COMPETITION LADDER

- (a) Competition points will be awarded as follows in all youth competition & youth girls competition fixtures:-
- Win, receiving a forfeit – four (4) competition points
  - Draw or cancellation of a postponed match – two (2) competition points to each competing team



- Loss, giving a forfeit – zero (0) competition points
- Bye – four (4) competition points

## 2.3 ADMISSION OF NEW CLUBS

- 2.3.1 (d) Provide a Strategic Plan to demonstrate the sustainability of the club.

## 2.4 CLUB RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.4.9 For Finals, Carnivals and Representative duties:

- All affiliate clubs if required by the Committee of Management shall provide suitable officials and undertake duties associated with finals, carnivals, representative games, championships or other activities in which AFLCJ is involved.
- All persons performing AFLCJ duties or acting in an official position shall be under the direction of the AFLCJ or the controlling body in the event of a carnival or championship.

## 2.5 CLUB COLOURS & UNIFORMS

- 2.5.7 Every club in a youth competition and youth girls competition will register a single team shorts colour.

2.5.10 **BANNED ITEMS**

- Bike pants and compression shorts that are not beige or black in colour

- 2.5.10 Soft brimmed hats in official club colours may only be worn in Footy4Fun Competitions.

- 2.5.12 The AFLCJ Logo is the intellectual property of AFL Cairns Juniors and neither it nor the AFL Logo may be reproduced by any unlicensed supplier or any club without written approval.

## 2.6 CLUB SPONSORSHIP

All rulings relating to Club and Affiliate League sponsorship agreements exclude pre-existing sponsorship agreements as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

## 3.1 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 3.1.2 To be eligible to register and participate in a Footy4Fun competition a player must turn 7 years of age on or before 30 December in the year they wish to participate in.

- 3.1.6.2 A player may apply in writing to the Competition Manager for an extension of time to provide proof of age. Once an extension is granted, a player may only play for that period of time and cannot play further games until proof of age is submitted.



### 3.4 AGE POLICY

3.4.1 A player must turn 7 years of age on or before the 30 December of the current season to be eligible to play in a competition.

3.4.2 The age group allocations for Age Groups in which competitions may be offered are as follows:

Age Group	Gender	Year of Birth
Under 8	Mixed	2013 & 2014
Under 9	Mixed	2012
Under 10	Mixed	2011
Under 11	Mixed	2010
Under 12	Mixed	2009 & 2010
Under 13 YG	Girls	2008, 2009 & 2010
Under 14	Mixed	2007 & 2008
Under 15 YG	Girls	2006, 2007 & 2008
Under 16	Boys	2005 & 2006
Under 18 YG	Girls	2003, 2004 & 2005
Under 18 Colts	Boys	2003 & 2004

3.4.3 Age groups do not include half years.

### 3.6 TRANSFERS

3.6.4 For transfers within a competition, all applications for transfers in youth competitions & youth girls competitions will close on 30 June, provided they have not re-registered in the new season with their existing club.

### 3.10 PLAYING UP

3.10.5 If a player plays more than ten (10) home & away fixture matches in Senior Football they will not be ineligible to continue to play in a youth or youth girls competition for the remainder of the season, including finals.

### 4.2.2 GAME DAY PLAYER EVEN UP

4.2.4.1.1 If the offer of players is refused as per 4.2.4.1, the team which offered its players will be allowed to play the game with up to the maximum number of players allowable on the field. Clubs are to inform the umpires of player offers and outcomes. This does not apply in finals fixtures.

### 5.1 PLAYING SURFACE

5.1.2 No spectators or persons not listed on the team sheet should be on the field at any time during play with the exception of quarter and half time breaks, without the express permission of the Central Monitor on duty at that venue. This includes during Footy4Fun competition games.

### 6.5 FIRST AID

6.5.1.1 AFLCJ will provide a qualified First Aid Officer and fully stocked first aid kit for all AFLCJ games in 2021.



The home team is responsible for providing a qualified First Aid Officer for all Youth and Youth Girls competitions. The home team is responsible for providing ice for the First Aid Officer.

The home team and away teams are responsible for providing a qualified First Aid Officer and ice for all Under 18 Youth Girls and Under 18 Colts games.

## **6.7 POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATION OF MATCHES**

6.7.6 Byes will be awarded four (4) points

## **6.9 FORFEITS**

6.9.1.1 Clubs are to follow the 'Notice of Forfeit' guidelines and complete the form accordingly.

6.9.5.1 The team sheet must be handed into the Central Monitor within 10 minutes of the game being called off by the umpires.

6.9.5.2 For forfeits made prior to the day of the scheduled match, Team Managers may submit to the Competition Manager their Team Sheet for the team who received a forfeit with a list of names to be included as matches played that count towards finals eligibility. These players must have played the round prior to the current round. This must be done prior to the commencement of the original scheduled match time.

## **6.12 UMPIRES**

6.12.3 (a) Club Field Umpires are required for the Under 8, 9 & 10 age groups and shall be shared equally by the home and away clubs coaches or officials.

6.12.8 Umpires must be accredited or participating in an approved accreditation course via umpireafl, to umpire in AFL Cairns Juniors Under 8, 9 & 10 games, and must be re accredited each year.

6.12.9 A Team Official listed on the team sheet for that game is permitted to approach the Central Monitor in a calm manner if they believe the umpires need to be made aware of any recurring behaviours that are not being seen by the on-field umpire. The Central Monitor will approach the on-field umpire at the quarter time, half time or third quarter break to advise.

In the event that clubs use this provision to dispute umpires decisions, we will review the policy.

## **6.16 HOST CLUB MATCH DAY REQUIREMENTS**

6.16.4 The host club must also ensure the following requirements are in place before the commencement of any match:

- providing suitable and clean change rooms for visiting clubs and umpires
- a canteen is open on all hosting days, which will provide hot and cold beverages and hot and cold food for the majority of scheduled matches. This does not apply to night games.
- ice and a stretcher for the First Aid Officer for all age groups except under 18s whereby, both clubs to provide ice for the First Aid Officer.

## **6.14 ORDER OFF LAW**



6.14.1.1 For Under 18s follow AFLQ Community Competitions Rules and Procedures 'Order Off Laws'.

## 6.15 TEAM OFFICIALS DURING MATCH

6.15.2.4 (f) When there is a Central Monitor in place, the Central Monitor will act as timekeeper.

The Central Monitor will also be responsible for the collection of goals cards, team sheets and Junior Football Rules match reports which shall be given to the umpires to be placed in the match day paperwork folder and returned to Cazalys Social Club reception at the end of the day.

## 6.16 HOME CLUB MATCH DAY REQUIREMENTS

6.16.3 (c) AFLCJ appointed First Aid Officer must wear an AFLCJ White & Red T-Shirt with McDonalds branding on it

## 8.1 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

8.1.6 Clubs current years' registration fees as issued by AFLCJ must be paid prior to finals. If a club has not paid the current years' registration fees they will not be permitted to play finals that year.

## 8.2 FINALS SERIES STRUCTURE

8.2.3 The final series structure for Youth Age Competitions (more than 4 teams) will be:

Semi Final	1 v 2	and	3 v 4
Preliminary Final	Loser of (1 v 2) v Winner of (3 v 4)		
Grand Final	Winner of (1 v 2) v Winner of Preliminary Final		

The final series structure for Youth Age Competitions (4 teams) will be:

Preliminary Final	2 v 3
Grand Final	1 v Winner of (2 v 3)

## 8.4 TIME ON IN FINALS

8.4.1 Time on shall be played in all youth age finals.