



MEMORANDUM

Date:	14th April 2023
To:	All AFL Queensland Community Clubs
From:	Mitchell Simpson – Competitions Manager QLD
Subject:	2023 AFL QLD Community Competitions Rules and Regulations Update

Dear all clubs,

Following extensive feedback from clubs across Queensland, AFL Queensland has undertaken a comprehensive review to merge the *AFLQ Senior Community Competitions Rules and Procedures* and the *AFL Queensland Youth Competitions Rules and Regulations*. This has resulted in the creation of the ***AFL Queensland Community Competitions Rules and Procedures*** which governs all community competitions in Queensland.

The ***AFL Queensland Community Competitions Rules and Procedures*** are enclosed with this email however can be found at [Policies, Rules & Procedures | AFL Queensland](#) along with all relevant AFL policies and resources.

Whilst there have been quite a few changes to the rules in respect to wording and location within the document given the merger of the two documents, all material amendments to rules are outlined below.

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

We trust that this merger will make it easier for clubs to navigate our competitions rules across all AFL Queensland Competitions.

Key Changes

- **4.8 Time keeper Duties** – Updated wording to clarify that away teams supplying a timekeeper must ensure that their timekeeper is in place prior to the commencement of the game.
- **4.13 Playing Uniforms** - Female Competitions playing shorts – following on from previous communication regarding the transition from compulsory white away shorts in female competitions, there has been amendments to the requirement for white shorts to be worn in female competitions and process for approval via the respective competition manager.
- **4.19 - Umpire escort duties** – the requirements of the Umpire escort has been adjusted, which requires the umpire escort to visit the umpire during quarter and three quarter time breaks.
- **4.8 (g) Finals times** of the QAFLW Reserves and QFAW Division 1 Seniors finals has be

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reduced to 14 minutes plus time on to reflect a closer actual time played to the home and away season quarter lengths.

- **5.5 AFLQ Video Reviews, 5.7 Umpire Reviews, 5.8 Club Request Reviews** – The QFA Division 1 competition has been added to 5.5, 5.7 and 5.8 with the inclusion of league wide match filming.
- **7.2 Coaching Box Requirements** – Youth and Junior coaches, assistant coaches and team managers must be wearing the relevant accreditation lanyard when in the coaches box.
- **8.1 (k) Final Eligibility** – The Long term injury clause as outlined in 8.1 (k) now requires a player to have played at least two competition matches in order to apply for dispensation.
- **12.1 Youth Restricted Lists** – changes have been made to the Youth Restricted list requirements in 12.1 (f) with a minimum of twelve (12) players are required prior to the commencement of Round 1, with the exception of U13 Youth Girls which will be a minimum of nine (9) players, and a minimum of sixteen (16) players are required prior to the commencement of Round 8, with the exception of U13 Youth Girls which will be a minimum of twelve (12) players.
- **12.1 Youth Restricted Lists** – removal of the rule that a Restricted List player is permitted to play in a team in an older age group providing that team is no more than one (1) division lower than the division they are playing in their correct age group. Restricted players can now play in any division in a higher age group per 12.1 (g) (v).
- **12.2 Colts List Management Policy** – As per 12.2 the QAFL Colts competition is now subject to the QAFL Colts List Management Policy.
- **12.6 QFA Division 3 & 4 Promotion & Relegation** – with Division 3 being restructured in 2023 to a North and South competition model, the promotion relegation from Division 3 and Division 4 has been amended to speak to the respective North and South aligned competitions.

If you require further clarification on any of the above changes, please liaise directly with your respective competition manager.

- ENDS -

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