

Annexure 11

Junior Girls League

Article 1 - Competition Format

1. The Junior Girls League will comprise divisions in the 14s, 16s and 18s age groups.
2. A club may not enter more than one team into the same division unless the club enters more teams than there are divisions or at the discretion of Football West.
3. No team entries will be accepted after **5:00pm Wednesday 9 May 2018**.
4. Teams will be ranked in their divisions according to the number of competition points they accrue over the season. The order in which teams finish the competition will be determined by the criteria specified in Article 2.
5. The team finishing in first place of each division at the conclusion of the season will be crowned the champion team for that season.
6. The clubs finishing in 1st and 2nd places of each division at the end of the season, will occupy promotion positions with the exception of the highest ranked division.
7. The clubs finishing in the lowest two places of each division at the end of the season will occupy relegation positions with the exception of the lowest ranked division.
8. Football West will take into account the positions in which teams finish when assigning placements in the following season.
9. Before the season starts, a club may request a change to the division of one or more of its teams in the Junior Girls League. Any such change may or may not be granted at the discretion of Football West, and if granted any change will be subject to the applicable administration charges. The decision as to whether or not a change request is granted by Football West is final.
10. Once the season has started and subject to paragraph 9, a request to move a team to another division must be received within 24 hours of the completion of round 3 during the regular season. Such requests to change divisions will be only considered by Football West if;
 - a) The division into which the team requests to move contains a bye; and
 - b) The division from which the team wishes to move does not contain a bye; or
 - c) There is a concurrent request from a club to move between the two divisions that would result in a direct swap of the two teams in question.
11. If a request is submitted that does not meet the criteria stipulated in either paragraphs 9 or 10, Football West may approve the request in its absolute discretion if there are exceptional circumstances and having considered all relevant factors.
12. All requests to move a team to another division must be completed using the online nomination form. No requests submitted by telephone or email will be considered.
13. If a team changes division after the season has commenced, all matches involving that team prior to its change of division being enacted by Football West will be annulled.
14. If a team changes division after the season has commenced, teams which would have otherwise played that team had it been entered from the beginning of the season will be awarded a 3-0 victory for that match.
15. If a new team enters a division after the season has commenced, that team will not be awarded any points for matches not played prior to the team's entry.
16. If a new team enters a division after the season has commenced, teams that would have otherwise played that team had it been entered from the beginning of the season will be awarded a 3-0 victory for that match.

17. Wherever possible, competitions will be structure so that each team in a division plays each other team on an equal number of occasions. However, in circumstances in which this is not possible, Football West will take into account all reasonable considerations when designing the match schedule.
18. If clubs are required to participate in a catch-up match or matches, an agreement between the two clubs must be sent in writing to Football West. If an agreement is reached and one team has retracted a 3-0 win will be awarded to the opposition. Any decision as to whether or not points are granted by Football West is final.

Article 2 - Competition Points

1. Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Points are not transferable between divisions.
2. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the season, the following criteria are applied in order to determine the higher ranking team.
 - a) the team with the superior goal difference
 - b) the team with the higher number of goals scored
 - c) the number of points gained in matches between the teams concerned
 - d) the superior goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
 - e) the team with the lower number of red cards
 - f) the team with the lower number of yellow cards
 - g) the drawing of lots

Article 3 - Venue

1. The home venue of a Junior Girls League club must meet the criteria of a Class D venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
2. A club may request to change its home ground venue but may do so only by written application to Football West. Football West reserves the right to refuse any application if the facilities do not meet the criteria as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
3. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of venue if the proposed new venue is within 5 kilometres of another Junior Girls League club.
4. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West matches.
5. Should a ground sharing arrangement be approved by Football West, priority use of the venue in the event of any match clashes will be awarded to the club who used the venue as its home ground immediately prior to the finalisation of the arrangement.

Article 4 - Matches

1. Matches may not commence prior to 8:00am.
2. The duration of the half time interval will be 5 minutes.
3. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the referee may use his discretion to allow players to take drink breaks. During any such break, all players must remain on the field of play. No time may be added to the match for such breaks.

4. The home club must provide one stretcher which is to be placed in a safe and accessible position. The stretcher must be in position before the commencement of the first match of the day until the conclusion of the final match of the day unless being utilised.
5. Each team must have a first aid kit available at the venue on the date of the match.
6. Each club is responsible and accountable for the behaviour of its spectators and their adherence to the Spectator Code of Behaviour, whether playing at home, away or at a neutral venue. It is the responsibility of the ground marshals to inform spectators of any breach of the Spectator Code of Behaviour and request immediate compliance.
7. Football West may from time to time nominate any match as being under the direct control of Football West. In such circumstances, Football West will determine the conditions under which the match is to be played.
8. Spectators may only watch the match from behind the touch line. For the avoidance of doubt, the home club must ensure that no spectators are situated behind the goal line while the match is in progress.
9. Where two clubs are required to a match that was not played on the originally scheduled date, an agreement stipulating the date and time of the match between the two clubs must be sent in writing to Football West. Once an agreement is reached, a club that is unable to compete on the previously agreed date and time will forfeit the match.

Article 5 - Modifications to the Laws of the Game

1. Matches in the 14s age group will be played over two equal periods of 30 minutes. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period must last for a minimum of 20 minutes for a result to be recorded.
2. Matches in the 16s age group will be played over two equal periods of 40 minutes. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period must last for a minimum of 25 minutes for a result to be recorded.
3. Matches in the 18s age group will be played over two equal periods of 45 minutes. With the exception of abandoned fixtures, each period must last for a minimum of 30 minutes for a result to be recorded.
4. Substitutes in the Junior Girls League are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the match. All substitutes in the Junior Girls League are able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions. All such substitutions must take place at the halfway line.
5. In the 14s age groups, no more than three named substitutes may be listed on the team list of which a maximum of three may be used in any one match.
6. In the 16s and 18s age groups, no more than five named substitutes may be listed on the team list of which a maximum of five may be used in any one match.
7. The referee MUST adjust the duration of a match to ensure that a following match on the same field of play commences at the scheduled kick-off time. The referee is required to inform both clubs if he shortens the match in accordance with this paragraph. However, for the avoidance of doubt, [a failure by the referee to inform the clubs does not negate the operation of the application of this rule.](#)
8. When a match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 7, each match official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal match fee.
9. No time may be added to the end of each period for stoppages or injuries.

Article 6 - Ground Marshals

1. Each club must appoint a ground marshals who are 18 years of age or older whose duties are:
 - a) to ensure the security and safety of players, match referees and club officials;
 - b) to liaise with club officials and emergency services if required; and
 - c) to ensure the security of the venue, players, match referees and club officials at the conclusion of the match;
2. If the club is using one field of play on a match date, the club must appoint at least one ground marshal.
3. If the club is using more than one field of play on a match date, the club must appoint at least two ground marshals.
4. Neither the coach nor manager of a team involved in a match may act as ground marshal for that match.
5. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that the ground marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities.
6. All ground marshals must have access to all areas of the ground at all times. Ground marshals may not be limited to a specific location (for example, the person working in a canteen may not be a ground marshal).
7. All ground marshals must wear the ground marshal vests which have been supplied by Football West for the duration of the match. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West.
8. Ground marshals must be visible at all times.
9. The ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
10. All ground marshals must identify themselves to the appointed match referee, if present, at least five minutes prior to the commencement of each match.

Article 7 - Match Documentation

1. The team list for each match must clearly indicate the match result, goal scorers if any and misconduct offences. Each team list must be correctly signed by each team coach and/or manager, the authorised representative of each club, and the match referee.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, pre-printed squad which have been stuck to a match card will be deemed to be the official team list, and no concession will be given to any inaccuracies in that pre-printed list. Should a player not be participating in any given match they must be clearly crossed off the list prior to kick off.
3. The appointed referee, if present, must return the completed team list to the home club within 15 minutes of the completion of the match.
4. The result of each match must be entered into Sports TG by the home club no later than 8:00pm on the day of the match, unless the match kicks off after 3:30pm.
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5. The home club must ensure that all match documentation is received by Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the match.
6. The appointed referee must complete a match report according to the instructions dictated by the Referees Technical Committee. Such reports are to be lodged with Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the match.

Article 8 - Players

1. Only female players may participate in the Junior Girls League.
2. A player is eligible to play in the 14s age group if she was born in 2004, 2005 or 2006.
3. A player is eligible to play in the 16s age group if she was born in 2002, 2003 or 2004
4. A player is eligible to play in the 18s age group if she was born in 2000, 2001 or 2002
5. A player who has played in any NTC team may not play in the Junior Girls League in the same season.
6. A request for a player to participate in an age group other than that for which she is eligible must be made in writing to Football West.
7. If a request is made in accordance with paragraph 7 for a player to play in an age group higher than that of her chronological age, the request must be accompanied by a letter signed by the club secretary and at least one of the player's parents or guardians. Such a request may be granted after the player has been assessed by Football West. The player is ineligible to participate in the requested age group until written approval has been received from Football West. If such a request is granted, Football West reserves the right to restrict the competition or team in which the player may participate.
8. If a request is made in accordance with paragraph 7 for a player to play in an age group lower than that of her chronological age, the request must be accompanied by a letter signed by the club secretary, at least one of the player's parents or guardians and a qualified medical practitioner or other professional person who is qualified to provide evidence of physical, emotional or intellectual disadvantage. No such request will be granted until it has been assessed by Football West, and the player is ineligible to participate in the requested age group until written notification has been received from Football West. Conditions that may affect performance intermittently or that can be remedied through conventional medication, visual aids, hearing implants or other means will not be considered.
9. Once a player has taken to the field in nine matches of either the State League Reserves or State League First Team, she is no longer eligible to participate in both the State League and the Junior Girls League during the same season. These nine State League matches may comprise any combination of first team and reserves team matches. Following the ninth match for the State League teams, a player must choose to play in either the State League or the Junior Girls team(s) for which she is eligible.
10. A maximum of two players may play in the next lowest ranked team in a lower division to that in which those players normally play. If there is disagreement about the team in which any such player normally plays, Football West will make a determination and any such determination is final. For the avoidance of doubt, a player may not play in a team which is below the club's next lowest ranked team under any circumstances.

Article 9 - Playing Strips

1. All clubs must nominate a "home" and "alternative" playing strip.
2. In any match, if the shirts of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the referee likely to cause confusion, then players of the home team will be required to change its shirts. In the event of any dispute with regard to whether there is a clash, the referee's decision is final.

Article 10 - Match Balls

1. The home club will provide the referee with a match ball no later than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.

Article 11 - Match Officials

1. Each club is responsible for 50% of match official fees. Football West will determine the fees payable and publish the rates prior to the commencement of each season.
2. Match official fees are payable in cash to the match official(s) on the day.
3. The allocation of match officials will be determined by Football West. No club may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular match official.
4. In the event that a referee is not allocated to the match by Football West, or that none of the match officials allocated to a match is ready and able to commence the match within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the home club will allocate a referee.
5. If a referee is appointed by the home club in accordance with paragraph 4, that referee must be at least two years older than the age group of the match in the year of competition.
6. In the absence of one or both assistant referees, each team will provide a club assistant referee to assist the match referee. If either club does not comply, then the match may not proceed.
7. If the appointed referee postpones or delays any match, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 3 business days of the scheduled conclusion of the match outlining the reasons for his actions. The appointed referee is entitled to 50% of the prescribed match fee for a postponed match and 100% of the match fee for a delayed match which is subsequently completed or abandoned.
8. When a match is forfeited by a club, the referee is entitled to receive 100% of the prescribed match fee to be paid by the club which forfeited the match, unless the forfeiting club informed Football West in writing at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
9. When a match is abandoned, the match officials are entitled to receive the full amount of their normal match fees.

Article 12 - Representative Teams

1. If a club has 3 or more players from one team participating in a representative match, it may seek the postponement of any club match which conflicts with the representative match.
2. If a match is postponed in accordance with paragraph 1, the postponed match may not be played within 72 hours of the representative match if that match was played in Western Australia, or 7 days if the representative match was played outside Western Australia.
3. To be considered as a qualifying player under paragraph 1, and subject to the conditions of paragraph 4, the player must have been recorded on that team's team lists for a minimum of 80% of all matches up to and including the date of the request to postpone.
4. If the player is required to participate in a representative match prior to round six of the season, Football West will determine the team of a player from the team cards available. Football West's decision in determining the team of a player is final.