

Annexure 35 - Equal Footingball Division

Article 1 - Competition Format

1. Equal Footingball Division will comprise three divisions of players and teams entered by clubs.
2. Football West reserves the right to restructure Equal Footingball Division at any time.

Article 2 - Venue

1. All Equal Footingball Division fixtures must be played on a suitable grass or artificial surface.
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 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 Equal Footingball Division club.
4. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West fixtures.
5. Should a ground sharing arrangement be approved by Football West, priority use of the venue in the event of any fixture clashes will be awarded to the club who used the venue as its home ground immediately prior to the finalisation of the arrangement.
6. If no club is awarded priority under paragraph 5, Football West will determine which club has priority in the event of fixture clashes. Football West's decision on this matter is final.
7. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Equal Footingball Division Fixtures are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

Article 3 - Matches

Penalty for Breach

1. Fixtures may not commence prior to 8:30am.
2. The duration of a half time interval will be 5 minutes.
3. Once fixtures have been published no changes may be made unless otherwise allowed in these rules. A club may request a fixture change if it can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, in writing, not less than four days prior to the scheduled kick-off date.
4. A request to change a fixture date in accordance with paragraph 3 within seven days of the scheduled date must be accompanied by written consent from the opposition club. This request may or may not be approved by Football West in its discretion.
5. A club which has been granted a fixture change in accordance with paragraph 3 is responsible for all costs associated with the rearranged fixture.
6. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the referee may use discretion to allow players to take drink breaks.
7. 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 fixture of the day until the conclusion of the final fixture of the day unless being utilised.

8. Each club must have a first aid kit available at the venue on the date of the fixture. \$22
9. 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.
10. Football West may from time to time nominate any fixture as being under the direct control of Football West. In such circumstances, Football West will determine the conditions under which the fixture is to be played.
11. The Ground Marshall has authority to direct spectators and other non-playing persons to keep clear of certain areas of the venue.

Article 4 – Abandoned Fixtures

1. If a fixture is abandoned it will not be replayed.

Article 5 – Modified Rules

1. **Ages**
Division 1 – ages 14+
Division 2 - ages 12+
Division 3 - ages 9+
2. **Field Size**
Division 1 – Length: 60m – 70m Width: 40m – 50m
Division 2 – Length: 60m – 70m Width: 40m – 50m
Division 3 – Length: 40m – 50m Width: 30m – 40m
3. **Number of Players**
Division 1 – Up to 9 per team, teams equalised with skill where possible
Division 2 – Up to 9 per team, teams equalised with skill where possible
Division 3 - Up to 7 per team, teams equalised with skill where possible
4. **Penalty Area**
Division 1 – 5m deep x 12m wide (Use markers)
Division 2 - 5m deep x 12m wide (Use markers)
Division 3 - 5m deep x 12m wide (Use markers)
5. **Ball Size**
Division 1 – Size 5
Division 2 – Size 5
Division 3 – Size 4
6. **Data Published**
Division 1 – Ladder, goal scorers, results
Division 2 – Ladder, goal-scorers, results
Division 3 – No
7. **Goal Keepers**
Division 1 – Yes
Division 2 - Yes
Division 3 – No

8. **Goal Size**
Division 1 – Width: 4.5m – 5m Height: 1.8m – 2m
Division 2 – Width: 4.5m – 5m Height: 1.8m – 2m
Division 3 – Width: 2.5m – 3m Height: 1.8m – 2m
9. **Goal Type**
Division 1 – Portable goals or poles
Division 2 - Portable goals or poles
Division 3 - Portable goals or poles

Article 6 – Postponed or Forfeited Fixtures

1. If a fixture is postponed or forfeited it will not be replayed.

Article 7 – Ground Marshalls

Penalty for Breach

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| 1. | Each club must appoint a ground marshal whose duties are: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to ensure the security and safety of players, match referees and club officials; to liaise with club officials and emergency services if required; and to ensure the security of the venue, players, match referees and club officials at the conclusion of the fixture; | |
| 2. | If the club is using one field of play on a fixture date, the club must appoint at least one ground marshal. A game day co-ordinator may act as a ground marshal. | \$55 |
| 3. | If the club is using more than one field of play on a fixture date, the club must appoint at least two ground marshals. | \$55 |
| 4. | Neither the coach, manager, game leader or instructing referee of a team involved in a fixture may act as ground marshal for that fixture. | \$55 |
| 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 fixture. Replacement vests are available from Football West. | \$22 |
| 8. | Ground marshals must be visible at all times. | \$22 |
| 9. | The ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty. | \$220 |

Article 8 – Match Documentation

	Penalty for Breach
1. Players are required to be recorded on an attendance sheet. The attendance sheet must clearly indicate the name and registration number of each player must be correctly signed by the authorised representative of each club.	\$16.50
2. The home club should record the goal scorers and final score of any match. This is to be communicated in writing to Football West within 48 hours of the completion of the fixture.	

Article 9 - Players

	Penalty for Breach
1. A player is eligible to play in the Equal Footingball Division -One if at least 14 years or older in the year of competition.	\$55
2. A player is eligible to play in the Equal Footingball Division Two if 12 years or older in the year of competition.	
3. A player is eligible to play in the Equal Footingball Division Three if 9 years or older in the year of competition.	
4. A request for a player to participate in an age group other than that for which they are eligible must be made in writing to Football West.	

Article 10 – Playing Strips

Penalty for Breach

1. If the shirts of the participating teams are alike or similar, then players of the home team will be required to change its shirts

Article 11 – Match Balls

Penalty for Breach

1. The home club will provide the match ball. \$22