



# AUSTRALIAN RULES BY LAWS



# 2021

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## Clause 1 GRADES AND AIC AGGREGATE

- a) Grades catered for shall be: Open, Years 8 & 9, Year 7, Years 6 A & B and Years 5A & B
- b) All teams from Year 7 – Open will count for premierships and an overall aggregate.

## Clause 2 COMPETITION POINTS

Win	=	2 points	Loss	=	0 points
Draw	=	1 point	Washout	=	1 point

### BYE POINTS

In the event a member College does not field a team in a competition and a 'bye' is created in the draw, the following allocation of points for that round will occur:

- All games are played- The team with the bye will be awarded the full competition points for a win.
- The majority of games are played (ie two (2) out of the three (3) remaining games)- The team with the bye will be awarded the full competition points for a win.

The majority of games are cancelled, or all games are not played- The team with the bye will be awarded the competition points equal to a draw/abandoned game (same points as other teams)

## Clause 3 SELECTION OF TEAMS AND RESTRICTIONS ON PLAYERS

- a) Colleges shall select players of a higher graded team before selecting those of lower graded teams, whether the higher grades are engaged or not (where applicable)
- b) Players selected in a team on a given day may not take the field for any other team on that day.
- c) Players who are 14 or turning 14 in year of competition will not be eligible to play in the Open grade.
- d) All primary teams will play with 12 per side with an unlimited bench.
- e) Years 7 – Open teams will play with 18 per side with 7 players allocated to the bench.

## Clause 4 PLAYER COUNT

- a) A player count may only be requested by the captain of a team which believes that the opposing team has more than the authorised number of players on the playing surface.

- b) If after an official count by the field umpire, the opposing team is found to have more players on the playing surface than authorised, the field umpire shall liaise with the goal umpires and the Match Manager at which time the offending team's score shall be reset to zero (0.0.0).

**Clause 5**      **SUBSTITUTIONS** Refer to Clauses 3 (d) and (e)

## Clause 6      **FORMAT OF MATCHES**

- a) Open, Years 8 & 9, = 4 x 15 minute quarters  
Year 7, Year 6, Year 5 = 4 x 12 minute quarters
- b) In all cases, the quarter time break will be two minutes, half time break will be five minutes and the third quarter time break will be three minutes.
- c) There shall be no time off for injury.

For a game to start, teams must take the field with no less than 4 players than the designated number of players per team e.g. For all Years 7-Open teams where teams are made up 18, a game has to start with a minimum of 14 players. This means that there is no bench for that team.

## Clause 7 MATCH VENUES

- The match venues are as stated in the AIC AFL Draws 2019.
- Ground markings including boundaries must comply with the laws of the game.

## Clause 8 OFFICIALS

- a) All primary school fixtures will be appointed with one field umpire as allocated by AFLQ. A competent staff member of parent maybe used as goal umpires for primary games.
- b) All Year 8 & 9 and Open fixtures will be appointed with two field and goal umpires as allocated by AFLQ.
- c) Colleges may have to provide goal umpires if needed for lower aged teams.
- d) In the event of the nominated official umpire not being in attendance ten minutes after the scheduled commencement time, Heads of Sport or Coordinators may mutually agree on the provision of a qualified umpire or official. If no qualified umpire or official is available, there must be a mutual agreement on the provision of an unqualified official.

## Clause 9 BALLS

- a) Schools are to use Burley footballs as match balls
- b) Years 5 and 6 grades shall use a leather size 3 ball
- c) Years 7, 8 and 9 grades shall use a leather size 4 ball
- d) Open grade shall use a leather size 5 ball.

## **Clause 10      UNIFORM**

All teams must wear numbered jerseys.

## **Clause 11      DISQUALIFIED PLAYER OR OFFICIAL (ORDER OFF LAW)**

- a) The order off law shall apply to all competition matches from U12 to U17. Only Field Umpires are permitted to order a player from the field.
- b) A player ordered off the playing surface under a Yellow Card shall remain off the playing surface for the remainder of that quarter and all of the next quarter, no report. He can be replaced
- c) A player ordered off the playing surface under a Red Card shall remain off the playing surface for the remainder of the match and is reported. He cannot be replaced for the remainder of that quarter and the whole of the next quarter
- d) The player is not permitted to enter the ground, as well as the interchange area and coach's box, for the remainder of that match
- e) For the avoidance of doubt, a player can receive two yellow cards in a match without being reported
- f) Also refer to General By Laws Clause 7 'Player Suspension'
- g) If a player is technically fouled that results in a send-off, or, if a player is carded that results in a send-off, that player will be disqualified from playing in the following round of AIC fixtures. The player must not take part in any further play on that given day. This is administered by the Head of College/Principal in consultation with the Head of Sport. Any sanction taken by the offending school, must be notified to the EO.

## **Clause 12      WEATHER**

Refer to AIC General By Laws Clause 17 'Extreme Weather'

In a week of extreme weather conditions, and particularly if hot weather is predicted (in excess of 36 degrees) then the President or a delegate from the Management Committee is to consult all member AIC schools and give consideration to cancelling fixtures. If fixtures are cancelled this decision will be made by 1.00pm Friday (prior to said round). This process will be facilitated by the Executive Officer.

## **Clause 13      MEDICAL**

Adequate sports medicine staff and first aid facilities are to be available.

## **ANNEXURE A**

### **Other rules pursuant to the AFLQ State Football Regulations**

#### **BANNED ITEMS**

The attire of players taking part in all matches shall be the attire that is officially approved by AFLQ. Banned items include:

- Gloves
- Metal tags
- Long fingernails
- Caps
- Sunglasses
- Padding of any sort (includes but not limited to - shin pads and shoulder pads)
- Jewellery (includes but not limited to - earrings, body piercing jewellery, chains, watches and rings)
- Bike pants and compression shorts that are not beige coloured

Exemptions to banned items may be granted on application to the Competition Manager where special circumstances exist.

Players who wish to wear spectacles during matches and training sessions should wear spectacles with PLASTIC FRAMES and PLASTIC LENSES. A band must also hold the spectacles on securely. This will minimise the risk of injury to the player, teammates and opposition players. Approval to wear spectacles that do not have plastic frames and plastic lenses should be sought in writing from the Competition Manager.

#### **OFFICIALS DURING MATCHES**

- 1 x coach
- 1 x assistant coach
- 1 x team manager
- 1 x team runner
- 2 x water carriers

#### **COACHES BOX**

The following officials only are permitted in the Coaches Box

- Coach x 1
- Assistant Coach x 1
- Team Manager x 1
- Runner x 1

#### **CONCUSSION**

To ensure the safety of players participating in organised matches, the following is adopted for players rendered unconscious.

When there has been any period of unconsciousness however short, or any amnesia, the player should not continue in the game.

When unconscious or amnesic for less than 5 minutes, the player should not resume sporting activity for two weeks.

When unconscious or amnesic for more than 5 minutes and up to one hour the player should not resume sporting activity for three weeks.

When unconscious or amnesic for over one hour and less than 24 hours, the player should not resume sporting activity for a period of two to three months.

Following an operation for brain damage or blood clot, the player should not return to contact sport or to situations where there is the likelihood of future head injury. Furthermore, the player in question will not be permitted to participate in training or further competition matches until they have obtained a written medical clearance from a qualified medical practitioner. The clearance is to be sighted by the club and Competition Manager.

If team officials are unsure, or unable to decide if a player has been rendered unconscious during the match, it is considered preferable to err on the side of caution, and ensure that he/she does not compete again that day, and obtains a medical clearance before training or further play is permitted.

Injured players must leave the field of play through the interchange, unless on a stretcher.