



## MEMORANDUM

To: **All QLD Schools from 2024 AFLQ Schools Cup**

From: **Jeff Neumann**  
(Participation & Programs Manager – Schools, Inclusion & Diversity)

Date: **25 November 2024**

Re: **Refreshed StreetSmarts AFL Queensland Schools Cup - 2025**

Dear Schools Coordinators,

2024 has proven to be another record-breaking year for the StreetSmarts AFL Queensland Schools Cup. With 16,269 school students participating this season, it is firmly placed as one of the largest school's sport competition in the country. Much of the success can be attributed to the dedication and hard work of schools and the passionate teachers. AFL Queensland wishes to thank all schools for their efforts in delivering another record season of school football.

AFL Queensland has seen great success in taking a progressive and innovative approach to how we play the game, and we will continue to do so to ensure we see our sport thrive for years to come.

Earlier this year, the National Junior Rules Framework was implemented to create the optimal experience for junior footballers. This initiative, developed through extensive data analysis, research and community consultation, aims to better understand the needs of our junior participants. The goal is to maximise fun, increase participation, support skill development, and foster a lasting love of the game. The result of this work is the new AFL Junior Rules which detail how junior football should be delivered across the country with the aim of keeping thousands of young boys and girls playing Australian rules football for longer, while also attracting and retaining players and boosting overall participation.

AFL Queensland run school competitions will implement the AFL Junior Rules, including establishing a refreshed progression model for the primary schools' divisions.

Regards

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Jeff Neumann  
Participation & Programs Manager – Schools, Inclusion & Diversity

**Outcomes & Amendments commencing from 2025**

1. **Primary Mixed** division added to primary school offerings, for female and male students in Grade 5 and 6 only.
2. **Primary Male** to be maximum of 12 per team on field.
3. **Progression for all primary divisions** (female, mixed and male) is based on off-field performance to progress through stages of the competition.
  - a. **Rising Star Gala (entry):** Schools to participate in the entry gala match day need to register via the nomination form and have a minimum of one fully opted in Schools Member (teacher) to participate.
  - b. **Best on Ground Gala:** To participate schools must have played in a Rising Star Gala Day and completed at least two of the following by the end of Term 2 to achieve best on ground status and entry to play; Maximum one team per school per division can participate.
    - i. Minimum of one paid program (Sporting Schools or AFL delivered)
    - ii. Minimum of one teacher led program (practical or in class) completed
    - iii. Minimum of one teacher to have completed an AFL professional learning session (face to face or virtual)
    - iv. Minimum of one free program (AFL delivered) completed
    - v. After school NAB AFL Auskick or NAB AFL Superkick centre set up at the school
    - vi. AFL Schools Shop account set up
  - c. **Hall of Fame Gala:** To participate at the State Finals weekend, schools must have played in the Best on Ground Gala and achieved the hall of fame status by the end of Term 3 by completing at least 4 of the following. Minimum one team per school per division can participate
    - i. Minimum of one paid program (Sporting Schools or AFL delivered)
    - ii. Minimum of one teacher led program (practical or in class) completed
    - iii. Minimum of one teacher to have completed an AFL professional learning session (face to face or virtual)
    - iv. Minimum of one free program (AFL delivered) completed
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#### **4. Secondary Divisions**

- a.** Junior Female – Year 7 and 8 female students only
- b.** Junior Male – Year 7 and 8 male students only
- c.** Junior Mixed Disability Inclusion – Year 7, 8, 9 for students enrolled identifying with intellectual impairment
- d.** Youth Female – Year 9 and 10 female students
- e.** Youth Male – Year 9 and 10 male students
- f.** Senior Female – Year 11 and 12 female students
- g.** Senior Male – Year 11 and 12 male students
- h.** Senior Mixed Disability Inclusion – Year 10, 11, 12 for students enrolled identifying with intellectual impairment

#### **5. Playing Up**

- a.** Primary school students are not permitted to play up in the secondary divisions at any time.
- b.** Secondary students are permitted to play-up with consent from parent/guardian and Head of School. Students are only permitted to play for one team per school on one match day and are not permitted to play across multiple age groups or genders.
  - i.** Junior Female up to Youth Female is permitted with parent/principal approval.
  - ii.** Junior Male up to Youth Male is permitted with parent/principal approval.
  - iii.** Junior Female up to Senior Female is not permitted.
  - iv.** Junior Male up to Senior Male is not permitted.