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**AFL CAPRICORNIA BY-LAWS**



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## 1. GENERAL

### 1.1 Definitions

- (a) **By-Laws** means these AFL Capricornia By-Laws.
- (b) All other terms defined within this document, adopt the same definitions provided within the *AFL Queensland Community Competition Rules and Procedures (the Rules)*.

### 1.2 Right to amend

AFLQ may amend these By-Laws from time to time as it, in its absolute discretion, deems fit.

## 2. APPLICATION

- (a) These By-Laws apply to the administration of Competitions managed by AFLQ within the Capricornia region.
- (b) These By-Laws are to be read in conjunction with the Rules and, pursuant to clause 2.1(a)(ii) of the Rules, also in conjunction with the National Handbook, the Laws of Australian Football, and any other relevant Policies referred to therein.
  - (i) As these By-Laws are intended to specify any additions or deviations from the Rules, in the event of any inconsistency between these By-Laws and the Rules, these By-Laws will prevail.

## 3. MATCH DAYS

### 3.1 Match timings

Competition	Time of quarters (Home and Away Season)	Time of quarters (Finals)	Time of breaks (quarter time / half time / three quarter time)
U13.5 mixed	12 minutes no time on	11 minutes plus modified time on	3 / 7 / 5
U15.5 boys	15 minutes no time on	13 minutes plus modified time on	3 / 7 / 5
U16.5 girls	15 minutes no time on	14 minutes plus modified time on	3 / 7 / 5
U17.5 boys	17 minutes no time on	15 minutes plus modified time on	3 / 7 / 5
Senior women	15 minutes no time on	14 minutes plus modified time on	3 / 10 / 5
Senior men	17 minutes plus modified time on	17 minutes plus modified time on	5 / 15 / 5
Senior men Reserves	17 minutes no time on	15 minutes plus modified time on	3 / 10 / 5

*Amendment to clause 7.6(a) of the Rules.*

## 3.2 Team Lists and Team Sheets

In Youth Competitions, a Trainer may be listed on a Team Sheet in place of a First Aid Officer.

*Amendment to clause 7.7(f)(ii)E. of the Rules (also an amendment to clause 8.3(a)(i)A. of the Rules).*

## 4. OFFICIALS

- (a) In Junior and Youth Competitions, each Team is permitted two (2) water carriers (one (1) for each half of the Playing Surface).

*Amendment to clause 8.3(a)(i) of the Rules.*

- (b) Each Team (not just the Home Team) must appoint a qualified First Aid Officer (or, as per clause 3.2 of these By-Laws, a Trainer in the case of Youth Competitions) and ensure that First Aid Officer/Trainer has a properly stocked first aid kit (for clarity, only the Home Team is required to provide a stretcher).

*Amendment to clause 8.3(e)(ii) of the Rules.*

## 5. COMPETITION SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

### 5.1 Youth Competitions

- (a) Number of Players in a Match

The following table outlines the maximum number of Players allowed on a Team Sheet, maximum number of Players allowed on the Playing Surface and minimum number of Players to be on the Playing Surface at any one time.

Competition	Max Numbers On Team Sheet	Max Numbers On Playing Surface	Min Numbers On Playing Surface to start a match
U13.5 Mixed	22	18	12
U15.5 Boys	22	18	12
U16.5 Girls	21	16	12
U17.5 Boys	22	18	12

*Amendment to clause 17.4(d) of the Rules.*

- (b) Playing Surface size ranges

The Playing Surface size ranges differ from the Rules for the following Divisions:

Grade	Length	Width
Under 13.5 Mixed	135m – 150m	100m – 110m
Under 16.5 Girls	135m – 150m	100 – 110m

The Competition Manager has discretion to review the Playing Surface size ranges at any time.

*Amendment to clause 17.4(l) the Rules.*

## 5.2 Playing up – under 16 girls

Players who are eligible to participate in both:

- (i) the under 16.5 girls age group; and
- (ii) the Senior Women's Competition,

may only play in a Match within the Senior Women's Competition if they also played for their under 16.5 girls team in that same round of competition, unless one of the following applies:

- (iii) the Club did not field an under 16.5 girls team in that round of competition; or
- (iv) the Club has already reached the maximum number of players permitted on the Team Sheet for its under 16.5 girls' team in that round of competition.

*Addition to the Rules.*

## 5.3 Senior women

### (a) Player number equalisation

- (i) The minimum number of Players required to commence a Match is twelve (12) per Team.
- (ii) To ensure a Match proceeds where a Team does not have twelve (12) Players, the opposing Team can elect to Permit Players to play for them on a Game Permit.

*Amendment to clause 17.3(b)(i) of the Rules.*