

WAFC COMPRULES.11-12: Year 11/12 Male Competition Rules



GENERAL INFORMATION

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BACKGROUND

All competitions managed by the West Australian Football Commission are played as per the AFL Laws of Australian Football. In addition to the AFL Laws of Australian Football, the below local rules apply to all Year 11 – Year 12 competitions to ensure fair and even competitions. Coaches must endeavour to coach players within the spirit that these rules were intended (refer to WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations, Rule 1 – Spirit of Junior Football.)

Please note that where mixed year group competitions are played, the competition rules of the lower year group shall be applied.

KEY CHANGES

A summary of the key rule changes from Year 9 & 10 competitions to the Year 11/12 competition have been outlined below.

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1b. Football	Size 5 leather footballs
1c. Number of players	18-a-side on the field
3. COMPETITION RULES	
3a. Team Nominations	Players are permitted to move between teams in the same club throughout the season.
5. COMPETITION RULES	
5b. Boundary Umpires	Boundary umpires are reintroduced for this age group.

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COMPETITION RULES

1. MATCH OPERATIONS	
1a. Ground Size	As per WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation, ground sizes should be set as 135m – 185m (L) x 110m – 155m (W).
1b. Football	Size 5 leather footballs
1c. Number of Players	18-a-side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maximum of 7 players on the bench ii. Numbers on the field should always be even
1d. Match Length	4x 20-minute quarters.
2. GENERAL MATCH RULES	
2a. General	Rules as per AFL Laws of Australian Football
2b. Order-off Rule	To be applied as per the Red & Yellow card system.
3. COMPETITION RULES	
3a. Team Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players are permitted to move from one team to another team in a different grade, in the same Club during the season. ii. Players are not permitted to play for multiple teams in the same year group in the same round. iii. Players are not permitted to play for multiple teams in the same grade over the course of the season, unless directed to do so by WAFC Competition staff. <p>For all other general team nomination requirements, please refer to WAFC POL.10A.</p>
3b. Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Scoring and match results are permitted. ii. Premiership points and ladders are permitted. iii. Finals are played
3c. Awards	Best players and goal kickers may be recorded and awarded at this level.
4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY	
4a. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No player may play more than 4 games across the teams of an older year group without approval from the WAFC Competition Team. ii. Once a player has been approved to play a 5th game in an older year group, they shall be deemed to be a part of that older year group for the remainder of the season (including finals). They will not be eligible to play any further regular season games or finals in the younger year group. iii. If a player has played for multiple teams in the higher age group, the WAFC will determine which team that player is now a part of. iv. If a player plays a 5th game without WAFC approval, the player will be deemed ineligible, and the match will be recorded as a forfeit. v. Players who miss matches in the qualifying rounds of a season through participation in any WAFC State Program Matches, may be credited for each match missed. The grade of game allocated will be the grade where the player has played most matches in the current season. vi. Any Colts player who plays a match at WAFL level, is deemed ineligible to play Youth football on the same weekend. vii. Where a club's higher-grade team has a fixtured bye or forfeit and three or more higher grade players are selected to play in a lower grade no more than two of them are permitted to return to the higher grade after playing one match in the lower grade. The remaining players selected might be promoted after having played at least two matches in the lower grade. (updated 24.03.2022)

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<p>4b. Finals Eligibility</p>	<p>i. To be eligible to take part in any finals match all non-WAFL Colts players must have played a minimum of five matches for that club in the qualifying rounds of that season for the Year 11–12 competition year group.</p> <p>The below is only applicable to Clubs with two teams entered in the Year 11-12 Year Group.</p> <p>ii. The division a player is permitted to play finals is as follows:</p> <p>a) A player is permitted to play in any higher division final.</p> <p>b) A player who plays in a finals match of a higher division is permitted to play in a lower division final (after the higher grade is eliminated) if the player has played five qualifying matches in that lower division.</p> <p>c) A player who has played less than five qualifying matches in a division is only permitted to play finals in the highest division in which he has played.</p> <p>d) Where a club has more than one team playing in a final on the same day a player from a higher division may play for the lower division, except those players stated in 4b(ii)(b) and 4b(ii)(c).</p> <p>iii. A player who has suffered a long-term injury, and has subsequently not qualified for finals, may on application to the WAFC be deemed eligible given that they have provided supporting medical documentation. The final decision is at the sole discretion of the WAFC. A long-term injury refers to an injury where the recovery period is six or more consecutive weeks in length.</p> <p>WAFL Colts Players</p> <p>iv. WAFL Colts players must have played a minimum of seven matches for that club in the qualifying rounds of that season for the Year 11-12 competition year group to be eligible for finals.</p> <p>v. WAFL Colts players who have played at least three quarters of the total matches of the qualifying rounds of the WAFL Colts season are ineligible to play with a junior club/team during junior finals.</p>
<p>4c. Forfeits</p>	<p>i. Where club has more than one team and forfeits through insufficient players, the team to forfeit must be the lowest graded team of that club. If a higher team forfeits, the clubs teams that are graded lower than that forfeiting team will also record a forfeit for that round. (updated 24.03.2022)</p>

MATCH DAY ROLES

5. COMPETITION ROLES	
5a. Field Umpires	<p>The WAFC will appoint umpires for all matches.</p> <p>Should a field umpire not be available to officiate at any match the opposing coaches or team officials may agree to appoint an adult to act in that capacity. In such case the appointed umpire shall have the same responsibilities and authority as any umpire appointed by the Umpires Coach.</p> <p>Any umpire not appointed by the WAFC under this rule must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 18 years or older. ii. Named on match documents. iii. Suitably attired for the match as approved by the WAFC. iv. Compliant with all WWC legislation (Working with Children).
5b. Boundary Umpires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team competing in an 18-a-side competition shall supply a boundary umpire who shall be correctly attired and of sufficient knowledge and competency to correctly throw the ball into play and carry out all other responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game.
5c. Goal Umpires	<p>Each competing team shall supply a goal umpire who should be of sufficient knowledge and competency to carry out all responsibilities of the position, as defined in the Laws of the Game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Goal Umpires will wear appropriate attire and have a minimum of two signalling flags. ii. The goal umpire will be supplied with a scorecard. The goal umpire will keep a record of each team's score during the game, will compare score cards at the end of every quarter and will change ends at half time. Goal Umpires must compare scorecards with the independent scorer at all breaks. iii. At the conclusion of the game the Goal Umpire will date and sign the scorecards and hand them to the field umpire. iv. The Goal Umpires will endeavour to keep the area immediately behind the goal line clear of spectators and other obstructions (refer to WAFC POL.15) v. The goal umpire is not permitted to coach or encourage players. vi. Goal Umpires are not permitted to enter the playing field during the game unless instructed to do so by the Field Umpire.
5d. Timekeeper	<p>The home team shall supply a Timekeeper for each game. The Timekeeper will have a means of keeping time and of indicating the end of each quarter to the field umpire, and be deemed to be the official timekeeper</p>
5e. Interchange Steward	<p>Both the home and away teams are responsible for providing an Interchange Steward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only one steward per team is permitted inside the interchange area where they must remain for the duration of the match. ii. In the event an interchange steward is not in attendance the appointed timekeeper/s will be responsible for the recording of the send-off details and make notes of any issues that would usually be the responsibility of the Interchange Steward.

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<p>5f. Independent Scorer</p>	<p>The listed Home Team shall provide and independent scorer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Independent Scorer is permitted to be the same person as the Interchange Steward. ii. The Independent Scorer shall carryout their duties in accordance with the AFL Laws of the Game iii. The Goal umpires and the independent scorer shall enter all goals and behinds and confer at the conclusion of each quarter. iv. Should any discrepancy occur in the scores recorded by both goal umpires then the scores will be clarified with the umpires and the independent scorer, with the scorecard of the independent scorer being deemed as the official score.
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<p>6. TEAM ROLES</p>	
<p>6a. Coaches</p>	<p>General</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team for any match shall have a coach who is subject to the same investigations and penalties as a player, including suspensions, sanctions, and fines. ii. Coaches must play all eligible and able players up to the maximum allowed in both home and away and finals matches. iii. Coaches must adhere to the Equal Opportunity Policy for all players in all games, including finals (refer to WAFC POL.04) <p>Accreditation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> iv. All head coaches and assistant coaches must at minimum be accredited as an age-appropriate Foundation Coach via CoachAFL prior to coaching their first fixtured match. v. If a coach is not a CoachAFL member and does not hold at minimum, an age-appropriate Foundation Coach accreditation, they will not be permitted to coach. <p>Coaches Box</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> vi. All coaching staff must remain within the Coaches Box. Only listed coaching staff can remain in the Coaches Box. Coaching staff may only exit the Coaches Box at authorised quarter changes, half time and at the conclusion of the match. vii. Each team is permitted to have a maximum of five people inside the Coaches Box, performing the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coach • Assistant Coach • Runner • Medical Trainer • Team Manager
<p>6b. Team Manager</p>	<p>General</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team is required to have a team manager who will act as the primary point of contact for umpires, between competing teams and match officials. ii. The Home Team Manager is responsible for the welfare of the umpires on match day. <p>Coaches Box</p> <p>Team managers are permitted inside the coach’s box.</p>

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<p>6c. Runners</p>	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Teams are only permitted to have one runner. ii. Team runners shall be clearly identified by wearing an approved uniform. iii. Runners are not permitted to carry water. iv. Team runners are not permitted to remain on the playing surface. Team runners are to deliver one message from the coach to a player and return immediately to the Coaches Box via the interchange area. v. Team runners are not permitted to 'coach' whilst on the ground. vi. Team runners must always enter and exit the playing field through the interchange area. vii. Team runners must be 18 years or older. viii. Team runners are not to carry out any other team official duties during a match. ix. Team Runners are under no circumstances allowed to make physical contact with umpires, opposition players or officials. <p>Coaches Box The team runner is permitted inside the coach's box.</p>
<p>6d. Medical Officer/Trainer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each team shall provide a team medical officer/sports trainer with a current HLTAID011 Provide First Aid (formerly HLTAID003). ii. The team medical officer/sports trainer must not remove a player on a stretcher unless they have necessary formal training and qualifications to do so. (e.g., SMA Level 1 Sports Trainer). iii. Should a team fail to provide a qualified medical officer/sports trainer, then the opposing teams suitably trained medical officer/sports trainer may assume control of injured players for both teams. <p>Coaches Box iv. Only one Medical Officer/Trainer is permitted inside the coach's box.</p>
<p>6e. General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A team official under suspension for a breach of the Laws of the Game or the WAFC Rules & Regulations may not play or officiate in any game of Australian Football during the period of suspension. This includes any affiliated senior, junior, WAFL, Country, School, or Interstate competition. ii. Team Officials are not permitted to make intentional contact with opposition players, umpires, or opposition officials, under any circumstances.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- AFL Laws of Australian Football
- WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations
- WAFC POL.04 – Equal Opportunity & Fair Play
- WAFC POL.15A – Ground Preparation
- WAFC POL.15I – Stretcher Policy