

Below is an excerpt from the 2012 WRFL By-Laws. For the 2013 season the modified rules detailed below will still apply at Under 10 level only.

The U9 competition shall be conducted as per the Modified Rules detailed in the 2013 WRFL By-Laws (in line with the AFL Junior Match Policy).

2012 Under 10 Modified Rules

Playing Ground: Normal size or of a size reduced down to a minimum of half an existing ground. Clubs must notify opposition clubs by the Thursday before the game should they be playing on a reduced sized ground.

Football: The use of all-weather synthetic balls of regulation size is to be used for all games, inflated to the manufacturer's specifications and is to have all official League markings.

Team: 18 per side. Interchange any time, any number of reserves. Players to be rotated every quarter i.e. centre, backs, forwards. Excess players should be given to opposition team if they are short.

Playing Time: Four (4) quarters, 15 minutes duration. Every player shall be given half a game.

Start of Play: Game to be started by a ball up between rucks. Player must not grab ball at ball up. It must be knocked, palmed or punched. This applies to centre throw ups only.

Scrimmage: Ball up between two (2) players of equal height.

Out of Bounds: When out of bounds from a kick a free kick shall be awarded to nearest opponent. If in doubt to which team kicked it out, a ball up will take place five (5) metres in from boundary.

Tackling: Players can hold an opponent with their hands knock the ball from their hands, push the player in his/her side. However deliberate slinging to the ground is not allowed.

Bumping: A restrained bump is permitted. He/she is not allowed to continue running with the ball. Deliberate hard bumps will be penalised.

Shepherding: A player is allowed to block only an opponent not in possession of the ball.

Mark: Over any distance.

Bouncing the Ball: May bounce the ball only once then must dispose of it.

Kicking off the Ground: Not permitted if deliberate.

Order off Rule: As per WRFL other grades.

Staying in Position: Players must stay in their positions. It will be up to the umpires discretion to

stop play and demand players return to their positions.

Spirit of Game: At the end of the game both teams are to gather in the centre and shake each other by the hand.

Game:

- No premiership points to be awarded.
- No publication of ladders.
- No WRFL awards to be made to individual Players.
- No final series to be played.
- No scores kept.
- No scoreboard to operate.

Tribunals: No system to operate (see regulation 39.3 herein).

Coach on Ground: Will only be permitted. However if he/she queries any decision of the umpire he/she will be ordered from the field. WRFL order off rule to apply.

Players Contradicting the Umpires Decision: Will be immediately ordered from the field as per WRFL order off rule.

Umpires: If umpires cannot be supplied by Umpires Association, it is expected that both sides provide an umpire.