

Essendon District Football League EDFL

Changes to Junior Age Football for
Season 2014



Under 8 Football

The EDFL Board of Management has decided to introduce an Under 8 competition for Season 2014 and beyond.

- “ AFL has decided to introduce uniform guidelines for different age groups for every state and competition in Australia. This means that wherever boys and girls play in a competition, the rules will be the same.
- “ The EDFL has decided to trial the Under 8s as a way to gauge the participation and feedback received before adopting any further changes to higher age groups.



Under 8 Football (cont)

The rules have not been modified in any way from the AFL guidelines and are as follows:

Laws of the Game	Under 8s
Players (min – max)	6 to 12 a side
Maximum ground size / use of zones	80m x 60m (2 games played on one ground) – 3 equal zones
Match Length	4 x 10 minute quarters
Scheduled time	Sunday mornings – 8:30 am
Competition details	No scores, ladders or finals permitted. No recording of best players and goal kickers permitted
Contact	No tackles or bumps. There is absolutely no contact or spoiling, except when accidental in nature



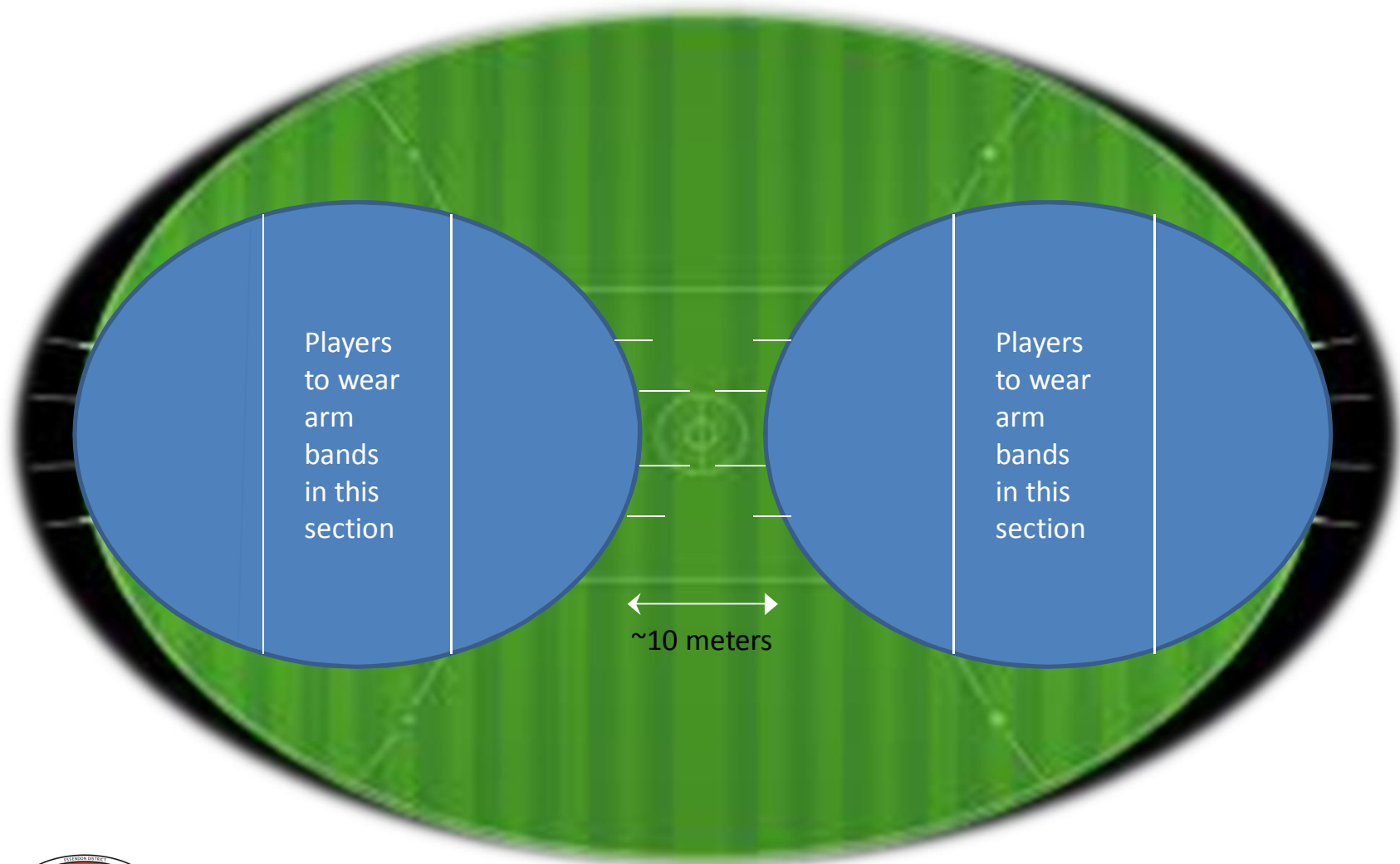
Under 8 Football (cont)

Laws of the Game	Under 8s
The Ball	Synthetic Size 1
Umpiring	1 field, 2 goal umpires (Parents/coaches) No Boundary umpires required
Coaching position	On field (No runner or water persons allowed)
Bounces	1 bounce
Marking	A mark is awarded, irrespective of the distance the ball has travelled, to any player who catches it or makes reasonable attempt to mark it
Out of bounds	From a kick a free kick is awarded against the player who last kicked the ball. From hands, or if there is doubt, then the umpire shall ball it up 100 in from the boundary.

Under 8 Football (cont)

Laws of the Game	Under 8s
Kick off the ground	Not permitted unless accidental
Stealing, smothering, shepherding and barging	No stealing, smothering, shepherding or barging permitted
Penalties	No distance penalty applies. Players can be ordered off at the umpires discretion.

Under 8 Football (cont)



Under 10 Football

The Under 10 rules have been modified as follows:

Laws of the Game	Changes	Comments
The ball	Synthetic size 2	Standardise for all divisions
Umpiring	Change from 2 to 1 central umpire	2 field optional for training purposes
Coaching position	Coach on sidelines – runner can go on ground but cannot loiter	No water persons
Bounces	Change from unlimited to 1 bounce	Forces player to dispose of ball, bringing more players into the game
Marking	Mark is awarded irrespective of distance ball has travelled to any player who catches it or shows control	Good for those who cannot kick very far – less congestion



Under 10 Football (cont)

Laws of the Game	Changes	Comments
Out of bounds	Boundary umpires to be retained – umpire will pay a free kick if ball goes out of bounds off a boot, boundary umpires to assist in making a decision. A ball up 10m in from boundary line if balls goes out off hand or if umpire is unsure	Less congestion around the ball
Kick off ground	Not permitted unless accidental	Accidental kicks off ground are no longer penalised
Penalties	10m penalty	Dropped from 15m to 10m

Questions

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