



SAWFL Under 18 Sub Rules

As at 8 February 2014

Please read these Sub Rules in conjunction with the SAWFL By-Laws

Eligibility – Age

- a. For a player to be eligible to play in the SAWFL Under 18 competition she must be over 13 years of age as at 1 January and under the age of 18 as at 1 January in the year of the competition. If a player turns 18 after 1 January during the competition dates they shall not be considered an overage player.
- b. A team may play two (2) overage players in a game. These players must be under the age of 19 years as at 1st July in the year of the competition.
- c. These overage players are not eligible if they have previously been registered in an AFL football competition in either South Australia or another state. An overage player is also not eligible if they have appeared in a representative football competition. The SAWFL Board may also make a determination regarding an overage player's suitability in the SAWFL Under 18 competition.
- d. If requested any players registered in the Under 18 competition must be able to provide The League evidence of age and identity. Approved methods of proof of age are a photographic form of identity example Drivers Licence, Passport or Student Card. Other forms of acceptable proof of age are a birth certificate or similar.
- e. An Under 18 player is allowed to play in both the Under 18 competition and Open Women's competition in the same round.

Under 18 Competition – Game Rules

- a. The Under 18 competition will be played as a 12-a side game and be played on a reduced sized playing field which will be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full sized oval. If the number of players to take the field is fifteen (15) or above the field will be extended to a full oval.
- b. The game time will be 4 X 15 minute quarters with no time on. Breaks shall be three (3) minutes at quarter time, nine (9) minutes at half time and six (6) minutes at three quarter time.
- c. A minimum of ten (10) players per team must take to the field to constitute a match.
- d. At any time the interchange may have six (6) players.
- e. Each team must play with an equal number of players (10-18 on the field) during the minor rounds. A team may field twelve (12) players during a Finals match regardless of the opposing team playing numbers.
- f. If a player leaves the field due to injury and there is no replacement available, at the quarter, half time or three quarter break, the opposing team is required to remove one of their players from the playing field to ensure the number of players on each team remains the same.
- g. This clause shall not apply when a player is sent from the field by an officiating field umpire.

h. A match will be considered a forfeit if one of the Under 18 Teams cannot field a minimum of ten (10) players at the scheduled time of commencement of the game.

i. The Under 18 Team which has forfeited will receive a ten (10) goal loss and the opposing Under 18 Team will receive a ten (10) goal win.

j. In the event of a declared forfeit no player statistics / games played / goals scored / premiership points / Umpires best and fairest votes are recorded.

k. In the event of a declared forfeit by arrangement with Coaches and Team Managers the teams may supply players to the opposition team to facilitate a friendly/ scratch match for the purpose of playing in the spirit of the game.

l. SAWFL Under 18's will play the same rules as the Open Women's competition with the exception of 50 metre penalties. Any penalty for Under 18's will be a 25 metre penalty even on a full oval.

m. Kicking off the ground is allowed.

n. For a player to be eligible to play in Finals matches – three (3) minor round games must have been played. Permits may be applied for to the League in special circumstances where eligibility is not met.

Coaching and Support Staff – Standards

a. All coaches of the Under 18 teams must consent to being subject to a police check.

b. The Coach must also have attended a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation Course and be completing this coaching qualification.

c. The Support Staff including Team Manager and Trainer must also consent to being subject to a police check.

d. All persons involved in the SAWFL Under 18 competition in an official capacity must have knowledge of the relevant Member Protection Policy and Cyber Safety Policy – Annex E to the SAWFL By-Laws.