



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

## UNDER 12 'FAST FACTS'

As clubs are now back in action for 2015 in preparation for the highly anticipated 2015 Value Autogroup Wangaratta and District Junior Football season, a hot topic of conversation is the newly introduced U12 format. During the inaugural year of the U12 competition, clubs will experience rules and regulations specific to the U12 grade.

To clarify some frequently asked questions, the following information has been circulated to clubs to better inform its committees, coaches and parents.

### Season

The first round of the WDJFL 2015 Season will be played on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, although the Under 12 competition will start the following week – 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### Teams

All six Wangaratta based clubs along with Myrtleford and Bright will enter U12 teams, resulting in an eight team competition. Benalla and Mansfield are continuing with their own U12 format which has sufficient numbers and multiple teams.

### Fixture

All U12 teams will play 12 matches across 17 rounds with 5 byes for the year. There will also be a four week finals series, the Grand Final will be played on the weekend beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>. The top five teams will play off in the finals, just like the U14 and U16.

### Age Requirements

Participants must have turned 10 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the current season. A player's final year of U12's is at 12 years of age.

### Quarter Lengths

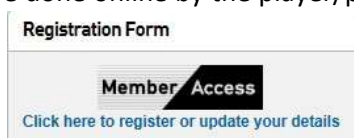
U12's matches will consist of 4 x 15minute quarters.

### Start Times

On a Saturday, the U12 start time is 9:00am, U14 – 10:30am and U16 – 12:30pm. On a Sunday, Start times are U12 – 10:30am, U14 – 12noon and U16 – 2pm.

### Registration/Fees

To register a player for 2015, this must be done online by the player/parent, go to your club website and on the right hand side of your screen click: [Registration Form](#) Annual membership fees are set by individual clubs, they will be in contact.



### Ground Dimensions

U12 playing arenas will be approximately 120m long and 100m wide. Portable goal posts will be used at one end of the ground.

### Sponsor

The WDJFL has a new naming rights sponsor in "Value Autogroup" trading as Ovens Ford in Wangaratta and Delatite Ford in Benalla. Each jumper worn on match day must have the relevant logos. Clubs ordering via AFL NEB shall have the logos automatically, other order must be approved by the WDJFL.