



Hills Football League

Rule interpretations for Under 12

The Hills Football League Under 12 football competition consists of teams nominated from the Division 1 and Country Division clubs. The competition aims to transition players from modified football rules through to standard rules allowing for support for players, families and officials to assist this transition.

1. General rules of play

All Under 12 matches will be played under the Rules and Laws of Australian Football as adopted Australian Football League, with such alteration, modifications or variation thereto as the League Officials may from time to time determine and will be played to a programme approved by the Board of Directors and on grounds and dates determined by the Board of Directors. (Section 18 Hills Football League Incorporated ByLaws)

2. Player age and eligibility

- 2.1 Eligible players must be under the age of 12 at 1st January.
- 2.2 Players eligible for older age groups must apply to the HFL Board for a permit to play down.
- 2.3 All players must be registered.

3. Playing field size

- 3.1 Playing field size is to be a standard full size oval.
- 3.2 Where team numbers are lower than 18 per side, field size may be reduced.

4. Football size

- 4.1 Synthetic size 4

5. Number of players

- 5.1 Number of players on the field from each team must be a **maximum** of 18 and a **minimum** of 10.
- 5.2 Teams may have maximum of 25 players in the squad.
- 5.3 The fair play rule must be adhered to where the team with the higher number of players provides players to the team with the lower number of players to ensure there are equal numbers on the field. Those borrowed players may be rotated at the end of each quarter.

6. On-field support

- 6.1 A runner is allowed on the field and must be on the team sheet.
- 6.2 A qualified trainer or recognised Senior First Aid officer must be available and identifiable during games.

7. Out of bounds

7.1 Last possession rule.

7.2 Where last possession cannot be determined the centre umpire will ball up.

8. Length of quarters

8.1 The length of game quarters will be 2 x 12minutes and 2 x 15minutes.

9. Uniform

9.1 Approved club uniform rules apply with the exception that away teams are not required to wear white away shorts.

10. Umpires

10.1 The HFL will supply a Centre umpire for each match.

10.2 Each club must supply one goal umpire for each match.

11. Finals

11.1 The competition will play for premiership points leading into a finals series.

11.2 The finals series will be made up of the teams that finish in the top four positions.

11.3 Finals games will be: 2 x semi final, 1 x grand final.

11.4 To be qualified for finals, players must have played for that team in a minimum of four matches on separate weekends.

12. League Best and Fairest voting

12.1 The under 12 competition will NOT have league best and fairest votes.

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