

# Annexure 10

## Junior Boys League

## Article 1 - Competition Format

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1. The Junior Boys League will comprise divisions in the 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s and 18s age groups.
2. A club may not enter more than one team into the same division unless the club enters more teams than there are divisions or at the discretion of Football West.
3. No team entries will be accepted after **5:00pm Wednesday 6 May 2020**.
4. Teams will be ranked in their divisions according to the number of competitions points they accrue over the season. The order in which teams finish the competition will be determined by the criteria specified in Article 2.
5. The team finishing in first place of each division at the conclusion of the season will be crowned the champion team for that season.
6. Results and team rankings for the 12s age groups will be recorded by Football West for the purposes of placements in the following season.
7. The clubs finishing in 1st and 2nd places in each division at the end of the season, will occupy promotion positions with the exception of the highest ranked divisions.
8. The clubs finishing in the lowest two places of each division at the end of the season will occupy relegation positions with the exception of the lowest ranked divisions.
9. Football West will consider the positions in which teams finish when assigning league placements in the following season.
10. There will be a promotion and relegation relationship between Division Two and the regional divisions. The clubs which finish in first position in North Division One and South Division One may nominate to play in Division Two in the next highest age group in the following season. If either or both clubs exercise this option, then the teams occupying the lowest two positions in Division Three may be relegated subject to other rules and regulations, their geographical locations and the discretion of Football West.
11. In most circumstances, the clubs occupying promotion positions will play in the next highest available division in the next highest age group in the following season. However, Football West reserves the right not to promote a club, or to promote more than two clubs depending on the changing structure of competitions, the requirement to include development teams in certain competitions or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West.
12. In most circumstances, the clubs occupying a relegation position, will play in the next lowest available division in the next highest age group in the following season. However, Football West reserves the right not to relegate a club, or to relegate an appropriate number of clubs required as a result of any change in the structure of any competitions, including but not limited to a need to incorporate development teams in specific competitions or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West.
13. Before the season starts, a club may request a change to the division of one or more of its teams in the Junior Boys League. Any such change may or may not be granted at the discretion of Football West, and if granted any change will be subject to the applicable administration charges. The decision as to whether a change request is granted by Football West is final.
14. Regrading applications will only be accepted via an online form, applications sent in via phone or email will not be accepted.
15. Applications for regrading will not be implemented two weeks prior to round 1 and before the completion of round 3, Football West may approve a regrading request in its absolute discretion for exceptional circumstances and having considered all relevant factors.
16. Between the completion of round 3 and the completion of round 4 there will be a period where regrading applications sent in will be processed and implemented where possible.

- a. Regrading applications received after this point will be implemented at the sole discretion of Football West.
17. Wherever possible, competitions will be structured so that each team in a division plays each other team on an equal number of occasions. However, in circumstances in which this is not possible, Football West will consider all reasonable considerations when designing the match schedule.

## Article 2 – Regraded Teams

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1. For the purpose of this document;
  - a) Regraded A refers to the team moving division
  - b) Regraded B refers to a second team that has been regraded
  - c) Original Teams refers to the teams originally in the division
  - d) New Division refers to the division the Regraded A and/or Regraded B has moved into
  - e) Old Division refers to the division the Regraded A and/or Regraded B has moved from
  - f) Withdrawn Team refers to a team that has been removed from all competitions
  - g) Team A refers to team that is new and has not competed in any competitions
  - h) Limitation Period refers to a period of time that Football West will set at the time of regrading
  - i) CUG refers to Catch Up Game
2. A team may request to be regraded into a different division within its age group, Football West has discretion on whether to grant this request.
3. If the request for regrading is granted Football West will set a period of time in which the club must organise with the Original Teams the details of any CUG. This period of time is called the Limitation Period.
4. Regraded A moves into a division with a bye;
  - a) Regraded A replaces the bye in the fixtures in New Division
  - b) Regraded A to organise catch up games with teams in New Division
  - c) All points associated with Regraded A in Old Division will be annulled
5. Regraded A moves into a division whereby Regraded B has moved into another division;
  - a) Regraded A will replace Regraded B in fixtures in New Division
  - b) Regraded A to organise catch up matches with Original Teams in New Division
  - c) All points associated with Regraded A in Old Division will be annulled
6. Team is Withdrawn from all competitions
  - a) All points associated with Withdrawn Team is annulled
  - b) If no team moves into division a bye will be entered
  - c) If a team is regraded into division, they will replace the Withdrawn team
7. Team A is entered into a division, Football West will either;
  - (i) Replace a bye with Team A
    - (a) If Team A replaces bye, they will need to organise catch up matches with Original Teams in division.

- (ii) Redraw fixtures to accommodate Team A
  - (a) If fixtures are redrawn, then Football West will notify teams of what catch up games are required.

## Article 3 – Catch Up Games

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1. Catch up games (CUG) maybe required with movement of teams between divisions.
2. Catch up games are not required for age groups 5s-12s inclusive
3. Catch up game(s);
  - a) Maybe played at any time agreed by the relevant teams
  - b) May not be played after the secluded catch up round at the end of the regular season
    - (i) No games will be played on or after the Top Four Finals
  - b) Any agreement made must be sent in writing to Football West as soon as possible
  - c) Scheduled time and dates of fixtures must be sent to Football West prior to 7 August 2020
  - d) Catch up games agreed to after 9 August 2020 may proceed only with the permission of Football West
  - e) A Regraded Team is responsible for the organisation of catch up games with their opposition within the Limitation Period set by Football West at the time of regrading
  - f) If the Regraded Team cannot provide proof that attempts have been made to organise catch up games with the opposition before the conclusion of the limitation period, then the original teams may be awarded a 3-0 win in place of a catch-up game.
  - g) If an agreement cannot be reached between the teams for the date and time of a catch-up game, then Football West at its discretion may:
    - (i) Set the fixture details; or
    - (ii) Award a 0-0 draw
  - h) If a club provides evidence that its attempts to organise a catch-up game have not been reciprocated by the opposition then Football West at its discretion may:
    - (i) Set the fixture details; or
    - (ii) Award a 0-0 draw
4. Any decision which results in the award of points by Football West is not reviewable.

## Article 4 - Competition Points

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1. Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Points are not transferable between divisions.
2. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the season, the following criteria are applied in order to determine the higher-ranking team.
  - a) the team with the superior goal difference
  - b) the team with the higher number of goals scored
  - c) the number of points gained in matches between the teams concerned
  - d) the superior goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
  - e) the team with the lower number of red cards
  - f) the team with the lower number of yellow cards
  - g) the drawing of lots

## Article 5 - Venue

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1. The home venue of a Junior Boys League club must meet the criteria of a Class D venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
2. A club may request to change its home ground venue but may do so only by written application to Football West. Football West reserves the right to refuse any application if the facilities do not meet the criteria as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
3. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of venue if the proposed new venue is within 5 kilometres of another Junior Boys League club.
4. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West matches.
5. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Junior Boys League Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

## Article 6 - Matches

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1. Matches may not commence prior to 8:00am or after 3:00pm
2. The duration of the half time interval will be 5 minutes.
3. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the referee may use his discretion to allow players to take drink breaks. During any such break, all players must remain on the field of play. No time may be added to the match for such breaks.
4. The home club must provide one stretcher per venue which is to be placed in a safe and accessible position. The stretcher must be in position before the commencement of the first match of the day until the conclusion of the final match of the day unless being utilised.
5. Each team must have a first aid kit available at the venue on the date of the match.
6. Each club is responsible and accountable for the behaviour of its spectators and their adherence to the Spectator Code of Behaviour, whether playing at home, away or at a neutral venue. It is the responsibility of the ground marshals to inform spectators of any breach of the Spectator Code of Behaviour and request immediate compliance.
7. Football West may from time to time nominate any match as being under the direct control of Football West. In such circumstances, Football West will determine the conditions under which the match is to be played.
8. Spectators may only watch the match from behind the touch line. For the avoidance of doubt, the home club must ensure that no spectators are situated behind the goal line while the match is in progress.
9. Where two clubs are required to a match that was not played on the originally scheduled date, an agreement stipulating the date and time of the match between the two clubs must be sent in writing to Football West. Once an agreement is reached, a club that is unable to compete on the previously agreed date and time will forfeit the match.
10. All clubs must have a technical area at all Junior League and Girls League matches
11. Two technical areas must be marked and may only extend 1 metre either side of the designated seating area as per the Laws of the Game.

## Article 7 - Modifications to the Laws of the Game

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1. Matches in the 13s and 14s age groups will be played over two equal periods of 30 minutes. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period must last for a minimum of 20 minutes for a result to be recorded.

2. Matches in the 15s age group will be played over two equal periods of 35 minutes. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period must last for a minimum of 25 minutes for a result to be recorded.
3. Matches in the 16s age group will be played over two equal periods of 40 minutes. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period must last for a minimum of 25 minutes for a result to be recorded.
4. Matches in the 18s age group will be played over two equal periods of 45 minutes. With the exception of abandoned fixtures, each period must last for a minimum of 30 minutes for a result to be recorded.
5. Substitutes in the Junior Boys League are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the match. All substitutes in the Junior Boys League are able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions. All such substitutions must take place at the halfway line.
6. In matches in the 13s, 14s and 15s age groups, no more than three named substitutes may be listed on the team list of which a maximum of three may be used in any one match.
7. In matches in the 16s and 18s age group, no more than five named substitutes may be listed on the team list of which a maximum of five may be used in any one match.
8. Matches in the 13s age group must use a size 4 football.
9. The referee MUST adjust the duration of a match to ensure that a following match on the same field of play commences at the scheduled kick-off time. The referee is required to inform both clubs if he shortens the match in accordance with this paragraph. However, for the avoidance of doubt, a failure by the referee to inform the clubs does not negate the validity of the application of this rule.
10. When a match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 9, each match official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal match fee.
11. No time may be added to the end of each period for stoppages or injuries. In all cases, the referee is the timekeeper according to the Laws of the Game and any decision made in relation to the duration of the match is final.
12. The referee has the power to show yellow or red cards and temporarily dismiss a player.
13. Temporary Dismissal System B as described in the Laws of the Game shall apply only to the cautionable offence of dissent by word or action.
14. A player who is cautioned for dissent by word or action will be punished by a temporary dismissal period of ten (10) minutes for matches greater than 60 minutes in duration or five (5) minutes for matches of 60 minutes or less in duration.
15. Temporary Dismissals are not recorded on the match card submitted by the referee and do not count towards accumulation of cautions.

In the event of a technical error in the Laws of the Game by the referee with regard to temporary dismissals, the decision made by the referee is final.

## Article 8 - Ground Marshals

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1. Each club must appoint ground marshals who are 18 years of age or older whose duties are:
  - a) to ensure the security and safety of players, match referees and club officials;
  - b) to liaise with club officials and emergency services if required; and
  - c) to ensure the security of the venue, players, match referees and club officials at the conclusion of the match.

2. If the club is using one field of play on a match date, the club must appoint at least one ground marshal.
3. If the club is using more than one field of play on a match date, the club must appoint at least two ground marshals.
4. Neither the coach nor manager of a team involved in a match may act as ground marshal for that match.
5. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that the ground marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities.
6. All ground marshals must have access to all areas of the ground at all times. Ground marshals may not be limited to a specific location (for example, the person working in a canteen may not be a ground marshal).
7. All ground marshals must wear the ground marshal vests which have been supplied by Football West for the duration of the match. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West.
8. Ground marshals must be visible at all times.
9. The ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
10. All ground marshals must identify themselves to the appointed match referee, if present, at least five minutes prior to the commencement of each match.

## Article 9 - Match Documentation

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1. The team list for each match must clearly indicate the match result, goal scorers (if any) and all misconduct offences. Each team list must be correctly signed by the authorised representative of each club and the match referee.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, pre-printed squad which have been stuck to a match card will be deemed to be the official team list, and no concession will be given to any inaccuracies in that pre-printed list. Should a player not be participating in any given match they must be clearly crossed off the list prior to kick off.
3. The appointed referee, if present, must return the completed team list to the home club within 15 minutes of the completion of the match.
4. The result of each match must be entered into Sports TG by the home club no later than 8:00pm on the day of the match, unless the match kicks off after 3:30pm.  
**Penalty for Breach        \$20**
5. The home club must ensure that all match documentation is received by Football West within 3 business days of the completion of the match.
6. The appointed referee must complete a match report according to the instructions dictated by the Referees Technical Committee. Such reports are to be lodged with Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the match.

## Article 10 - Players

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1. A player is eligible to play in the 13s age group if he was born in 2007, 2008 or 2009. A female player is eligible to play in the 13s age group if she was born between, 2005 and 2008. These age limitations do not apply to the NTC Girls 15s team which will play in the Junior Boys League 13s Division 1.
2. A player is eligible to play in the 14s age group if he was born in 2006, 2007 or 2008. A female player is eligible to play in the 14s age group if she was born between 2004 and 2007.
3. A player is eligible to play in the 15s age group if he was born in 2005, 2006 or 2007. A female player is eligible to play in the 15s age group if she was born between 2004 and 2007.

4. A player is eligible to play in the 16s age group if he was born in 2004, 2005 or 2006. A female player is eligible to play in the 16s age group if she was born between 2002 and 2008.
5. A player is eligible to play in the 18s age group if he was born in 2002, 2003 or 2004. A female player is eligible to play in the 18s age group if she was born between 2001 and 2004
6. Play Football must be used to generate proof of registration including a player photograph for every player participating in a match with the exception of MiniRoos and 12s matches.
7. A player who is age eligible to play MiniRoos and 12s matches but competing in the Junior League must have a photograph on their Play Football registration card.
8. A request for a player to participate in an age group other than that for which he is eligible must be made in writing to Football West.

If a request is made in accordance with paragraph 8 for a player to play in an age group higher than that of his chronological age, the request must be accompanied by a letter signed by the club secretary and at least one of the player's parents or guardians. Such a request may be granted after the player has been assessed by Football West. The player is ineligible to participate in the requested age group until the Club receives written approval from Football West.

9. If a request is made in accordance with paragraph 8 for a player to play in an age group lower than that of his chronological age, the request must be accompanied by a letter signed by the club secretary, at least one of the player's parents or guardians and a qualified medical practitioner or other professional person who is qualified to provide evidence of physical, emotional or intellectual disadvantage. No such request will be granted until it has been assessed by Football West, and the player is ineligible to participate in the requested age group until written notification has been received from Football West. A new exemption must be applied for each year.
10. If an exemption is based on a player size a growth index chart will be required signed by a medical professional.
  - a) Applications are required to be submitted each season
  - b) Previous seasons applications will not be accepted and do not carry through to a new season. For clarity a new application must be submitted each year so that a player can be re-assessed.

11. Once a player has taken the field of play in nine matches of either the NPL or State League competitions in the Under 18s, Under 20s or open age groups, he is no longer eligible to participate in both the NPL or State League and the Junior Boys League during the same season. These nine NPL or State League matches may comprise any combination of First Team, Reserves Team and 18s Team matches as long as no more than nine Under 18s matches, no more than five Under 20s matches and no more than one first team match is played. Following the ninth match for the NPL or State League teams, a player must choose to play in either the NPL or State League or the Junior Boys team(s) for which he is eligible.

**Penalty for Breach**      **Forfeit**

12. A Club must notify Football West in writing, confirming the player's choice to play either NPL, State League or Junior Boys League before the player may participate in any further matches. The Club is responsible for monitoring the number of matches played by each player.
13. Once a player has taken the field of play in a match of the NPL or State League in the first, under 20s, reserves or 18s, he is not eligible to participate in the Junior Boys League for a team below 15s Division 1 during the same season. A club may apply for an exemption to this rule if its highest placed team is below the 15s Division 1 competition, but any such ruling is entirely at the discretion of Football West.

**Penalty for Breach**      **Forfeit**

14. A maximum of two players may play in the next lowest ranked team in a lower division to that in which those players normally play including the case where a player's normal team is in the NPL. If there is disagreement about the team in which any such player normally plays, Football



West will make a determination and any such determination is final. For the avoidance of doubt, a player may not play in a team which is below the club's next lowest ranked team under any circumstances.

15. If a club has two teams within the same division, a maximum of two players may play in the other team within that division. Football West reserves the right to request a team list at the beginning of the season to determine the validity of players.
16. A player may not play in any age group of the NPL and any age group of the Junior Boys League on the same weekend. A player will be deemed an NPL player if he has appeared on the match card of his club's NPL teams on at least 50% of matches.

**Penalty for Breach**      **Forfeit of Second Match**

17. An NPL player may not play in any division below Division 3. A club may apply for an exemption to this rule if its highest placed team is below the Division 3 competition, but any such ruling is entirely at the discretion of Football West.
18. A club (or its representative) wishing to approach a player or a player's parent(s) or guardian(s) for the purpose of procuring the services of that player, must seek the express written permission of the club with which the player is registered and Football West prior to the approach being made.

**Penalty for Breach**      **\$500**

## Article 11 - Playing Strips

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1. All clubs must nominate a "home" and "alternative" playing strip.
2. In any match, if the shirts of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the referee likely to cause confusion, then players of the home team will be required to change its shirts. In the event of any dispute with regards to whether there is a clash, the referee's decision is final.

## Article 12 - Match Balls

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1. The home club will provide the referee with a match ball no later than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.

## Article 13 - Match Officials

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1. Each club is responsible for 50% of match official fees. Football West will determine the fees payable and publish the rates prior to the commencement of each season.
2. Match official fees are payable in cash to the match official(s) on the day.
3. The allocation of match officials will be determined by Football West. No club may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular match official.
4. In the event that a referee is not allocated to the match by Football West, or that none of the match officials allocated to a match is ready and able to commence the match within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the home club will allocate a referee.
5. If a referee is appointed by the home club in accordance with paragraph 4, that referee must be at least two years older than the age group of the match in the year of competition.
6. In the absence of one or both assistant referees, each team will provide a club assistant referee to assist the match referee. If either club does not comply, then the match may not proceed.
7. If the appointed referee postpones or delays any match, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 3 business days of the scheduled conclusion of the match outlining the reasons for his actions. The appointed referee is entitled to 50% of the prescribed match fee for a postponed match and 100% of the match fee for a delayed match which is subsequently

completed or abandoned.

8. When a match is forfeited by a club, the referee is entitled to receive 100% of the prescribed match fee to be paid by the club which forfeited the match, unless the forfeiting club informed Football West in writing at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
9. When a match is abandoned, the match officials are entitled to receive the full amount of their normal match fees.

## Article 14 - Representative Teams

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1. If a club has 3 or more players from one team participating in a representative match, it may seek the postponement of any club match which conflicts with the representative match.
2. If a match is postponed in accordance with paragraph 1, the postponed match may not be played within 72 hours of the representative match if that match was played in Western Australia, or 7 days if the representative match was played outside Western Australia.
3. To be considered as a qualifying player under paragraph 1, and subject to the conditions of paragraph 4, the player must have been recorded on that team's team lists for a minimum of 80% of all matches up to and including the date of the request to postpone.
4. If the player is required to participate in a representative match prior to round six of the season, Football West will determine the team of a player from the team lists available or from prior history. Football West's decision in determining the team of a player is final.

## Article 15 – Proof of Registration

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1. Play Football must be used to generate proof of registration including a player photograph for every player participating in a match with the exception of matches within ages groups 5s-12s.
2. Evidence of registration without a valid player photograph is not acceptable as proof of registration. The player must be able to be identified from the player photograph.
3. All coaches must be registered on Play Football registration system before the start of their respective competition.

**Penalty for each occurrence of Breach      \$50.00**

4. Each team must produce proof of registration for all of its listed players prior to kick off in all Under 13's to Under 18's matches.
5. If a club is unable to produce proof of registration for any player prior to kick-off the match may proceed. However, the proof of must be produced before the end of the match for that player(s) to be deemed eligible to participate. If the club is unable to produce the proof by the end of the match, the player(s) will be deemed ineligible.
6. The failure of a club to produce proof of registration to the opposition club must be reported to the referee who must note that failure on the team list. If the failure of a club to produce proof of registration is not communicated to the referee, then no protest based on the ineligibility for that player(s) will be entertained under any circumstances.
7. If a club has complied with all necessary requirements and wishes to subsequently lodge a protest based on player eligibility, it must do so in accordance with the conditions specified in the Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations.