

Annexure 6

Junior League Competitions

PART 1 – COMMON RULES

Article 1 - General

Junior League Competitions will consist of:

- a) Junior Boys League including;
 - i) Junior Development League (JDL)
 - ii) Junior Community League (JCL)
- b) Junior Girls League;
 - i) Junior Development League (JDL)
 - ii) Junior Community League (JCL)
- c) MiniRoos League;
- d) Associated Junior Cup Competitions.

1. The rules in this Annexure apply only to the Junior League Competitions. To the extent these rules conflict with any of the other rules published by Football West, the FA and FIFA, these rules will take precedence.
2. Where a rule in this Part 1 appears to conflict with a rule in any other Part of this Annexure dealing with a specific Competition (for example the Part dealing with the MiniRoos League then the Part dealing with the specific Competition will take precedence.
3. The MiniRoos League will comprise Divisions in the 5-12s age groups. There will be a girls only MiniRoos League with Divisions in the 8s, 10s and 12s age groups.
4. The Junior Boys League will comprise Divisions in the Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s and 18s age groups.
5. The Junior Girls League will comprise Divisions in the Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s & Under 18's age groups.
6. For the Junior Community Leagues, a Club may not enter more than one Team into the same Division unless the Club enters more Teams than there are Divisions, or upon application in writing to and subsequent approval by Football West in its absolute discretion.
7. In the Junior Development Leagues, a Club may only have one team per age group in each Division..
8. If a Club fields more than one Team in a single Division, then the Club must submit a Player Roster for each Team at the start of the Competition Season. Subject to the exception in Article 7 Paragraph 6 no Players on the Player Roster for a Team in the relevant League may play for another Team without an exemption in writing from Football West.

Penalty for Breach: Forfeit

9. Team entries into the Junior Leagues must be made on or before **Sunday 25 May 2025**. Football West reserves the right to accept Team entries into the Juniors Leagues after **Sunday 25 May 2025** in its absolute discretion.

Article 2 - Matches

1. Matches in the Junior League Competitions may not commence prior to 8:00am.
2. Matches may not commence after midday, without approval from Football West or the opposition.
3. Subject to paragraph 13, the duration of the half time interval will be 5 minutes.
4. On days on which the temperature is expected to be high, the Match Official may use their discretion to allow Players to take more frequent 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.
5. Football West may, from time to time, nominate any Match during a Competition Season 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.
6. 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.
7. 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, playing 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. A ground marshal may request any spectator not complying with that code to leave the venue.
8. Once Match fixtures have been published on Football West's website, the home Club is permitted to request a change in writing or implement a change via the Competition Management System. Changes are restricted to the kick-off time and pitch number. Change requests will be considered valid if submitted by **12 pm on the Tuesday prior** to the scheduled kick-off date.
9. A request to change a Match time after the deadline described in paragraph 8 must be accompanied by written consent from the opposition Club. The approval of such requests is subject to Football West's absolute discretion and may or may not be granted.
10. A Club which has been granted a Match change in accordance with paragraph 8 is responsible for all costs associated with the rescheduled Match.
11. Where two Clubs are required to play 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. If an agreement is reached between those Clubs and one of those Clubs subsequently fails to compete at the newly agreed date and time for any reason will forfeit the Match.
12. The Match Official 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 Match Official 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 Match Official to inform the Clubs does not negate the validity of the application of this rule.
13. When a Match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 12, each Match Official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal Match Official fee.
14. No time may be added in any Match to the end of each period for stoppages or injuries. For the avoidance of doubt, a failure by the Match Official to enforce this rule does not alter the Match result, even if a goal is scored in additional time.

Article 3 - Ground Marshals

1. The home Club must appoint ground marshals who are at least 18 years of age whose duties are:
 - a) to provide an escort for the Match Officials to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period;
 - b) to liaise with Club Officials and emergency services if required; and
 - c) to supervise the conduct of ball persons if provided.
2. If the Club is using one field of play on a Match day, the Club must appoint at least one (1) ground marshal. A Game Day Coordinator may act as a ground marshal and exercise all of a ground marshal's responsibility.
3. If the Club is using more than one field of play on a Match day, the Club must appoint at least two (2) 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 during a Match.
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 collecting gate fees may not be a ground marshal).
7. Each ground marshal must wear the vests which have been supplied by Football West. Ground marshals must always be present and visible for the duration of the Match.
8. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West.
9. Ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
10. If no ground marshals are present or the number of ground marshals are not met in relation to paragraphs 2 & 3 the Match Official has sole discretion not to commence the match. Home Clubs will have 15 minutes following the scheduled kick-off time to appoint the required ground marshals or the Match may not proceed. In such cases Clubs will be penalised in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 6 of the Community Competition Rules.
11. In the case a Match proceeds without the required number of ground marshals, penalties set out in Appendix B, in the Community Competition Rules, will apply at the discretion of Football West.

Article 4 - Match Balls

1. The home Club must provide the Match Official or game leader with a Match ball no later than five (5) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.
2. All JDL Division 1 & 2 Matches must use at least two (2) of Football West's designated ball. Two (2) Match balls will be provided free of charge to each Junior Team.
3. In Junior League fixtures, the home Club will provide the Match Official with two (2) Match balls no later than five (5) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.
4. The size of Match ball to be used for each age group is set out in the following table:

Age Group	Match Ball Size
MiniRoos	
Under 5s – Under 9s	3
Under 10s – Under 12s	4
Junior Leagues	
Under 13s	4
Under 14s – Under 18s	5

Article 5 - Representative Teams

1. Football West may nominate Players from any Club of its choosing to participate in Representative Matches during a Competition Season.
2. If a JCL Team has three (3) or more Players or a JDL Team has four (4) or more outfield Players or two (2) goalkeepers participating in a Representative Match, it may seek the postponement of any Club Match which conflicts with the Representative Match. This request for a postponement must be made within seven (7) days of the players being selected for the Representative Team.
3. If a Match is postponed in accordance with paragraph 2, the postponed Match may not be played within 72 hours of the Representative Match if that Match was played in Western Australia, or seven (7) days if the Representative Match was played outside Western Australia.
4. To be considered as a qualifying Player under paragraph 2, and subject to the conditions of paragraph 5, the Player must have been recorded on that Team's Team List for a minimum of 80% of all Matches up to and including the date of the request to postpone.
5. If the Player is required to participate in a Representative Match prior to round six of the Competition Season, Football West will determine the Team of a Player from the Team Lists available. Football West's decision in determining the Team of a Player is final.
6. Players must be released for training, preparation and participation for Representative Matches when requested in writing to do so by Football West.
7. Football West may select a Player for a State Representative Team. If a selected Player who has accepted selection misses a State Representative Team session without a valid medical certificate (or other extenuating circumstances to be determined by Football West), the Player will be suspended from his or her Club Team's next Match. Football West reserves the right to determine the validity of any extenuating circumstances in its absolute discretion, and any such decision is final.

Article 6 - Venue

1. All Matches must be played on either natural or artificial grass.
2. The home venue of a Junior League Club must meet the criteria of a Class D venue as specified in the Football West Competition Management Regulations.
3. 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 Football West forms the view that the facilities do not meet the criteria as set out in the Football West Competition

Management Regulations.

4. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of home ground venue if the proposed new home ground venue is within 5 kilometres of another Club.
5. Football West reserves the right to require that its, FA's and NPL's sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at the venue at which Matches are played. A Club and each Team must comply with any lawful direction given by Football West in connection with this paragraph.
6. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues. A Club and each Team must comply with any lawful direction given by Football West in connection with this paragraph.
7. Should a ground sharing arrangement be approved by Football West, priority use of the venue in the event of any Match clashes will be awarded to the Club who used the venue as its home ground immediately prior to the finalisation of the arrangement.
8. Each Club must have a first aid kit available at the venue on the date of the Match.
Penalty if not available \$100
9. The home Club must provide one stretcher 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.

Penalty if not available \$100

Article 7 - Players

1. Only female Players may participate in the Girls MiniRoos or Junior Girls League Competitions.
2. A request for a Player to participate in an age group other than that age group for which that Player is eligible must be made via application to Football West.
3. Regardless of the eligible years below, which create a presumption that a Player may participate in those age groups, a Player seeking to participate in an age group more than one year older than that Player's actual age, for example, a 13 year old seeking to play Under 15s, must be made in writing to Football West in accordance with the Football West Play Up Process [here](#). Such a request may be granted after the Player has been assessed by Football West. Until such time as Football West approves the request in writing, the Player is ineligible to participate in the requested age group.
4. If a request is made to Football West in accordance with paragraph 2, 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. Conditions that may affect performance intermittently or that can be remedied through conventional medication, visual aids, hearing implants or other means will not be considered. A new exemption must be applied for each year by the relevant Player.
5. If an exemption is based on a Player's physical size, a growth index chart signed by a medical professional will be required:
 - a) Applications are required to be submitted each Competition Season.
 - b) Applications from a prior Competition Season will not be accepted and do not carry through to a new Competition Season. For clarity, a new application must be submitted each year so

that a Player can be re-assessed by Football West.

6. If a Club has two Teams within the same Division, a maximum of two (2) Players may play in the other Team within that Division. For clarity this does not need to be the same two (2) Players each week.
7. If a Club has multiple Teams within the same age group, a maximum of two Players from a higher-ranked Team may play for the next lowest-ranked Team on any given weekend, subject to any Competition-specific player movement rules. These Players may vary each week.

***Example:** If a Club has Teams in Under 14s JDL 1, JDL 3, and JDL 4, a Player from JDL 1 may move down to JDL 3, but not to JDL 4.*

8. A Player eligible for a lower age group may only play for the highest-ranked Team within that age group in the same Competition, subject to any Competition-specific player movement rules.

***Example:** If a Club has Teams in Under 14s JDL 3, Under 13s JDL 2, and Under 13s JDL 4—a Player from the Under 14s JDL 3 team may move down to the Under 13s but can only play for the Under 13s JDL 2 team, not the Under 13s JDL 4 team.*

9. A Player that normally plays in a senior Competition but is age eligible for a Junior Competition may play for the age eligible Team in the Junior Competition subject to any Competition specific player movement rules.
10. If there is disagreement about the Team in which any such Player normally plays, Football West will make a determination in its absolute discretion, and any such determination is final.
11. A Player who is age eligible to play MiniRoos Matches but competes in the Junior League must have a photograph on their PlayFootball registration card.
12. A Player participating in the Junior Competition, who is subject to a Suspension, will not have their name disclosed on the Suspension list published on the Football West website. Instead, the suspended Player will be identified solely by their FA number. If there is a need for clarification regarding the suspended Player's identity, a Club may contact Football West for additional information. Football West reserves the right to disclose the Player's identity at its absolute discretion and in accordance with the Member Protection Framework.

Article 8 – Proof of Registration

1. PlayFootball 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. A registration without a valid Player photograph renders the Player ineligible until a valid Player photograph is added.
3. All coaches must be registered on the PlayFootball registration system before the start of their respective Competition or as soon as reasonably practicable if they are appointed during the Competition Season.

Penalty for each occurrence of Breach \$50.00

4. Each Team must produce proof of registration to the opposition Team manager for all its listed Players prior to kick off in all Under 13's to Under 18's Matches. This may be produced electronically but must be in a format that allows the opposition Club to verify Player identities. For clarity, the

preferred format is a pdf version of the Player ID Cards sent electronically to the opposition Club.

5. If a Club is unable to produce proof of registration for any Player prior to kick-off the Match may proceed. However, proof of registration 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 Match Official.
7. Proof of registration MAY NOT be requested after the Match has concluded.
8. If a Club has complied with all necessary requirements detailed in paragraphs 4-7 and wishes to subsequently lodge a Player Eligibility Protest with Football West, it must do so in accordance with the conditions specified in the Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations.

Article 9 - Match Documentation

1. All Junior League Competitions and MiniRoos Competitions from Under 8's to Under 12's will use Electronic Match Cards to record the details of each Match.
2. MiniRoos Competitions from Under 5's to Under 7's will use attendance sheets.
3. An Electronic Match Card must be completed accurately no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match. The following penalties apply to a breach of this requirement:
 - a. If no Electronic Match Card is submitted:
Penalty for Breach: Forfeiture of the Match and \$200 Fine
 - b. If any of the following are not completed accurately:
 - i. all Player names;
 - ii. all Players assigned a correct shirt number;
 - iii. all Team Officials listed;
 - iv. eligible overage Players denoted; and
 - v. starting Players assigned.
Penalty for Breach: \$100 Fine
4. If there are technical difficulties with the Electronic Match Card system a Team must email Football West Club Support (clubsupport@footballwest.com.au) with the details of the participants in the Match prior to the Match's scheduled kick off time and Football West may at its discretion accept this as a valid Electronic Match Card. The Team must also advise the Match Official and present proof to the Match Official that a Match Card has been emailed to Football West.
5. All Team Officials who wish to sit in the technical area during any Match must be registered on PlayFootball as a coach or related role.
Penalty for Breach \$50 Fine
6. The home Club is responsible for entering the final score of the Match as well as their goal scorers. Goal scorers are not added for MiniRoos Competitions.
7. The away Club is responsible for entering their goal scorers. Goal scorers are not added for MiniRoos Competitions.

8. The home Club will be responsible for the entry of any Yellow Cards and Red Cards from the Match based on the Match Official's record.
9. The Electronic Match Card received by Football West will be accepted as the facts relating to the Match.
10. The result of each Match must be entered into the Competition Management System by the home Club within two (2) hours of the completion of the Match.

PART 2 - MINIROOS

Article 10 - Competition Format

1. The rules in Part 2 apply to the MiniRoos League.
2. In the 5 - 6s and 7s age groups, each game day will be held at the designated host venue in each Club cluster.
3. In the 8-12s age groups, where possible, the Team from each Club will play the corresponding Team from every other Club in its Division twice, once at its home venue and once at the opposition's home venue.
4. A Club may request a change of Division for one or more of its Teams in the MiniRoos League by application in writing to Football West. Requests must be made prior to the end of Round 4 of the current Competition Season. Any such change may or may not be granted at the discretion of Football West, and if granted any change will be subject to applicable administration fees. Any decision by Football West is final.
5. MiniRoos Football must be played according to the MiniRoos Laws of the Game as published [HERE](#).

Article 11 - Abandoned Matches

1. Abandoned Matches in the MiniRoos or Under 12s League will not be replayed under any circumstances.

Article 12 - Match Documentation

1. Players in the 5s, 6s and 7s age groups are required to have their names and registration numbers recorded on an attendance sheet.
2. Players in the 8-12s age groups will be recorded in accordance with Article 9.
3. In the 5s, 6s and 7s age groups, it is the responsibility of each Club's Team manager or equivalent to give the completed attendance sheet to the game day co-ordinator.
4. The Game Day Co-ordinator must forward all attendance sheets from each game day to reach Football West within five (5) Business Days of the Match day.
5. Goal scorers are not to be added for MiniRoos competitions

- The result of each Match must be entered into the Competition Management System by the home Club no later than 8:00pm on the day of the Match. After this point the results will be locked.

Article 13 - Players

- Players are eligible to play in Competitions according to the following table:

Age Group	Eligible Male Birth Years	Eligible Female Birth Years
5s	2020, 2021	2019, 2020, 2021
6s	2019, 2020	2018, 2019, 2020
7s	2018, 2019	2017, 2018, 2019
8s	2017, 2018, 2019	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
9s	2016, 2017, 2018	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
10s	2015, 2016, 2017	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
11s	2014, 2015, 2016	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
12s	2013, 2014, 2015	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Girls 8s	-	2017, 2018, 2019
Girls 10s	-	2015, 2016, 2017
Girls 12s	-	2013, 2014, 2015

- Interchangeable substitutes may be used in all MiniRoos Matches as follows:
 - 6s & 7s age groups – maximum of 3 substitutes;
 - 8s & 9s age groups– maximum of 4 substitutes; and
 - 10s & 11s & 12s age groups – maximum of 5 substitutes.

Article 14 - Playing Strips

- In any 8-12s age group Match, if the shirts of the participating Teams are alike or similar, then Players of the home Team will be required to change their shirts. If the home Team does not have a set of differently coloured shirt, they may wear differently coloured bibs.
- In any 6-7s age group Match, if the shirts of the participating Teams are alike or similar, then Players of the first mentioned Team may wear differently coloured bibs.

PART 3 - JUNIOR LEAGUES

Article 15 – General

1. The rules in this Part 3 applies to the Junior Leagues.
2. The Junior Leagues will be divided as follows:
 - a. Junior Boys League including;
 - i. Junior Development League (JDL)
 - ii. Junior Community League (JCL)
 - b. Junior Girls League;
 - i. Junior Development League (JDL)
 - ii. Junior Community League (JCL)

Article 16 – JDL Competition Format

1. JDL Competitions will comprise of the following age groups:
 - a. **Boys** - Under 13s, Under 14s, Under 15s, & Under 16s
 - b. **Girls** - Under 13s, Under 14s, Under 15s, Under 16s, Under 17s & Under 18s
2. To enter the JDL Competition Clubs will need to apply and meet the specified criteria below to compete:
 - a. **JDL Boys Division 1 and 2** - Head Coach must hold a C-Diploma accreditation (or higher).
 - b. **JDL Boys Division 3-5** - Head Coach must hold a Foundations of Football accreditation (or higher).
 - c. **JDL Girls Division 1** - Head Coach must hold a Foundations of Football accreditation (or higher). For the commencement of the 2026 season, Head Coach must hold a C-Diploma accreditation (or higher).
 - d. **JDL Girls Division 2 and below** - Head Coach must hold a Foundations of Football accreditation (or higher).
3. Clubs will be able to enter Teams into the relevant JDL Divisions subject to Paragraph 1, but no Club may field more than one Team in the same Division. No exemptions will be granted to this rule.
4. Football West will consider a Team's finishing position for that Competition Season in each relevant Division to properly assign a Team to an appropriate League and Division in the following Competition Season.
5. The order in which a Team finishes the Competition section or Season will be determined by the Competition format as specified in Article 20.
6. To be eligible for entry into the JDL Under 13s Competition for 2026 Clubs will need to field a Miniroos Under 12s team in 2025.
7. In 2025 the placement of Teams for the JDL Under 13s Competition will be determined via rankings in a pre-season grading Competition as set out in Article 18
8. In the JDL Girls Competition Teams will be ranked in their respective Divisions according to the number of Competitions points they accrue over a relevant Competition Season.

9. The Team finishing in first place of each Division of the JDL Girls will, at the conclusion of the Competition Season, be crowned the champion Team for that Competition Season in that Division.
10. The JDL Boys Competition will be split into two sections comprising of 9 Matches, each being Section A and Section B.
11. In the JDL Boys' Competition, the 1st and 2nd placed Clubs in each Division at the end of Section A will be promoted to the next highest-ranked Division for Section B, except for Teams already competing in the highest-ranked Divisions. This is subject to paragraph 3.
12. The Clubs who finish in the lowest two places of each Division at the end of Section A will occupy relegation positions and will be relegated to the lower ranked Division in Section B, except for those Teams already playing in the lowest ranked Divisions.
13. At the conclusion of Section A, after teams have been promoted or relegated to their new Division, all teams will start Section B with 0 points.
14. The Team finishing in first place of each Division of the JDL Boys at the conclusion of Section B will be crowned the champion Team for that Competition Season in that Division.
15. The 1st and 2nd placed Clubs in each Division of the Junior League Competitions at the end of the Competition Season (conclusion of Section B for JDL Boys) will be promoted to the next highest-ranked Division for the following season, except for Teams already competing in the highest-ranked Divisions.
16. The bottom two Clubs in each Division of the Junior League Competitions at the end of the Competition Season (conclusion of Section B for JDL Boys) will be relegated to the next lowest-ranked Division for the following season, except for Teams already competing in the lowest-ranked Divisions.
17. Clubs occupying promotion positions will play in the next highest available Division in the next highest age group in the following Competition 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 any Competitions, including but not limited to the requirement to incorporate development Teams in specific Competitions or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West in its absolute discretion.
18. If a Club earns promotion to a higher Division but already has a Team in that Division, the promotion will not take place. As a result, the 2nd lowest-ranked Team in the higher Division will not be relegated, subject to Paragraph 23.
***Example:** If a Team finishes 2nd in JDL Division 2, but the Club already has a Team in Division 1, the promotion will not occur, and the 2nd lowest-ranked Team in Division 1 will retain its place.*
19. If a Club is relegated to a lower Division and already has a Team in that lower Division, both Teams will be relegated.

***Example 1:** A Team finishes 9th in Division 2, and the same Club has another Team in Division 3 that did not finish in a promotion or relegation position. In this case, both the Division 2 and Division 3 Teams will be relegated to Divisions 3 and 4, respectively. The Team that finished second last in Division 3 will not be relegated.*

***Example 2:** A Club has Teams that finish as follows:*

- a. 9th in Division 1
- b. 6th in Division 2
- c. 1st in Division 3

In this scenario, all three Teams will be relegated to the next lowest Division. The Teams that finished second last in Divisions 2 and 3 will not be relegated.

20. Clubs occupying a relegation position, will play in the next lowest available Division in the next highest age group in the following Competition 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 the requirement to incorporate development Teams in specific Competitions or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West in its absolute discretion.
21. Wherever possible, Competitions will be structured so that each Team in a Division plays each other Team in that Division on an equal number of occasions. However, in circumstances where it is not possible to facilitate fixtures in this way, Football West will design a Match schedule which is, in its absolute discretion, equitable to all the Teams concerned.
22. Football West will use its best endeavours to ensure that an equal number of Matches are played by each Team in a Division. In circumstances where an equal number of Matches are not able to be played by each Team in that Division, Football West may, in its absolute discretion, implement an alternative system of ranking for the Teams that are competing in that Division.
23. In the JDL Boys Competition, an additional Football West Academy boys' team will be included in the highest Division of each age group.
24. The Football West Academy teams in each group will compete for competition points in **Division 1** but will be ineligible to be crowned champions or relegated at the end of each competition Section.
 - a. If the FA/FW Academy team finishes **first**, the next highest-ranked team will be declared champions.
 - b. If the FA/FW Academy team finishes in the **bottom two**, only the **9th-placed team** will be relegated.

Article 17 – JCL Competition Format

1. Teams will be ranked in their respective Divisions according to the number of Competition points they accrue over a relevant Competition Season. The order in which a Team finishes the Competition Season will be determined by the Competition format as specified in Article 20.
2. The Team finishing in first place of each Division of the JCL Competitions will, at the conclusion of the Competition Season, be crowned the champion Team for that Competition Season in that Division.
3. Results and Team rankings for the Under 12s age groups will be recorded by Football West for the purpose of placing a Team in the appropriate Division in the following Competition Season.
4. Clubs that finish in promotion positions will move to the next highest available Division in the next highest age group for the following Competition Season. However, this does not apply to Teams already competing in the highest-ranked Divisions, as outlined in Paragraph 7.
5. The bottom two Clubs in each Division at the end of the Competition Season will be relegated to the next lowest-ranked Division for the following season. However, this does not apply to Teams already competing in the lowest-ranked Divisions, as outlined in Paragraph 8
6. Football West will consider a Team's finishing position for that Competition Season in each relevant Division to properly assign a Team to an appropriate League and Division in the following Competition Season.
7. Clubs occupying promotion positions will play in the next highest available Division in the next highest age group in the following Competition 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 any Competitions, including but not limited to the requirement to incorporate development Teams in specific Competitions

or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West, in its absolute discretion.

8. Clubs occupying a relegation position, will play in the next lowest available Division in the next highest age group in the following Competition 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 the requirement to incorporate development Teams in specific Competitions or any other circumstances considered appropriate by Football West, in its absolute discretion.
9. Prior to the commencement of any Competition Season, a Club may, by written notification to Football West, request a Division change for one or more of its Teams competing in the JCL. Football West may, in its absolute discretion, grant a Division change to the requesting Club. However, any such change will be subject to payment by that Club of the applicable administration charges as per Annexure 12.
10. Applications by a Club to regrade any of its competing Teams will only be accepted in writing to Football West, sent from either the Club Secretary or Club President.
11. Applications by a Club to regrade any of its competing Teams will not be considered if any such application is received by Football West between the period commencing fourteen (14) days prior to Round 1 commencing in that relevant Division and the completion of Round 3. Football West may, in its absolute discretion, approve a regrading request for exceptional circumstances and having considered all relevant factors for any applications made inside of this period.
12. Football West will implement and process (where possible) regrading applications in the time period commencing between the completion of Round 3 and the completion of Round 4.
13. Any regrading applications received by Football West after the time period specified in paragraph 13 may only be implemented at the sole discretion of Football West.
14. Wherever possible, Competitions will be structured so that each Team in a Division plays each other Team in that Division on an equal number of occasions. However, in circumstances where it is not possible to facilitate fixtures in this way, Football West will design a Match schedule which is, in its absolute discretion, equitable to all the Teams concerned.
15. Football West will use its best endeavours to ensure that an equal number of Matches are played by each Team in a Division. In circumstances where an equal number of Matches are not able to be played by each Team in that Division, Football West may, in its absolute discretion, implement an alternative system of ranking for the Teams that are competing in that Division.

Article 18 - Under 13s Grading

1. Clubs that have nominated teams for the JDL Under-13s in accordance with Article 16, Paragraph 2 will be entered into a pre-season grading competition to determine their placement in the 2025 Under-13s JDL league divisions.
2. Teams will play a total of 8 matches spread across 4 weeks.
3. Matches will be played in a modified format of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, with each Team playing two (2) matches per day.
4. The Competition will be hosted in a hub-based format, with the first-listed Team designated as the home Team.
5. All Teams must bring both their home and away strip to Matches.
6. Teams cannot play against another Team from their own Club during the grading Competition.
7. Teams will be ranked at the completion of the grading Competition as per Article 21, while also subject

to Article 16, Paragraphs 2, 3 & 23.

8. Football West reserves the right to adjust division sizes at the conclusion of the grading Competition to maintain balanced competitions. Any Teams removed under this rule will be placed in the JCL Competition.
9. Players must be registered and eligible for their Team before the grading Competition begins.
10. A Player may not switch Teams during the grading Competition unless approved by Football West, in its absolute discretion and under exceptional circumstances.
11. Match Officials will be appointed by Football West, and their decisions are final.
12. All other applicable Football West regulations, competition rules, and annexures will apply unless otherwise specified in this Article.

Article 19 – Regraded Teams

1. For the purpose of Article 19 and Article 20:
 - 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. **“New Team”** 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, for Teams to organise CUG’s.
 - i. **“CUG”** refers to a Catch-Up Game.
2. A Team in the JCL may apply to be regraded into a different Division within its age group by submitting a request in writing to Football West, which may or may not be, in Football West’s absolute discretion, be granted.
3. In accordance with Article 19, if Football West grants a Team the ability to be regraded, a Limitation Period will apply in which the regraded Club must organise with the Original Teams the details of any CUG.
4. If Regraded A moves into a Division with a bye:
 - a. Regraded A replaces the bye fixtures in that New Division.
 - b. Regraded A must organise CUG’s with the Original Teams in the New Division.
 - c. All Competition points accrued by Regraded A in its Old Division will be annulled.
5. If Regraded A moves into a Division whereby Regraded B has moved into another Division:
 - a. Regraded A will replace and assume Regraded B’s fixtures in the New Division.
 - b. Regraded A must organise CUG’s with the Original Teams in the New Division.
 - c. All Competition points accrued by Regraded A in its Old Division will be annulled.

6. Where a Team is withdrawn from all Competitions:
 - a. All Competition points accrued by that Withdrawn Team are annulled.
 - b. If no replacement Team moves into that Division a bye will be entered to fill the gap in the fixtures.
 - c. If a Team is regraded into the Division, that Team will replace the Withdrawn Team.
7. Where a New Team is entered into a Division, Football West will either;
 - a. replace a bye with the New Team - If the New Team replaces a bye, the New Team will need to organise CUG's with the Original Teams in the Division; or
 - b. redraw fixtures to accommodate the New Team - If fixtures are redrawn, Football West will notify Teams in writing of what CUG's are required.

Article 20 – Catch Up Games

1. CUG's may be required with movement of Teams between Divisions.
2. CUG's are not required for Teams in the Under 5s to Under 12s age groups inclusive.
3. CUG's:
 - a) may be scheduled and played at any time as agreed by both relevant Teams playing the CUG and Football West must be notified in writing of this agreement between the playing Teams as soon as practicable but in any event prior to 7 September 2025;
 - b) may not be played after the end of a regular Competition Season;
 - c) must not be played during or after the Top Four Finals Competition;
 - d) agreed to be scheduled after 7 September 2025 which may only proceed with the written permission of Football West;
 - e) required to be played within the Limitation Period must be organised by the Regraded A and its opposition Team;
 - f) not able to be played or scheduled absent of any proof that bona fide attempts have been made to organise CUG's (in Football West's reasonable opinion) with the opposition Team prior the conclusion of the Limitation Period, will result in the Original Team(s) being awarded a 3-0 win in place of a CUG.
4. If the relevant Teams cannot reach an agreement over the date and time of a CUG, Football West may, in its absolute discretion:
 - a) set the Match fixture details; or
 - b) award a 0-0 draw to the Teams.
5. If a Club provides bona fide evidence in writing to Football West that its attempts to organise a CUG with the opposing Team have not been reciprocated, Football West may at its absolute discretion:
 - a) set the Match fixture details; or
 - b) award a 0-0 draw to the Teams; or
 - c) forfeit the fixture against the non-reciprocating Team.
6. Any decision made by Football West in respect paragraphs 3 to 5, which results in Football West's decision to award Competition Points to a relevant Team is not subject to challenge by any Club or Team.

Article 21 - Competition Points

1. In respect to the result of a Match, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Competition points are not transferable between Divisions.
2. If two or more Teams are equal on Competition Points on completion of the Competition Season, the following criteria will be applied in order to determine the higher-ranking Team for that Division:
 - 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; and
 - g) the drawing of lots.

Article 22 - Matches

1. All Clubs must have a technical area at all Junior League Matches
2. Two technical areas must be marked and may only extend 1 metre either side of the designated seating area as per the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 23 - Players

1. Only female Players may participate in the Junior Girls League.
2. Players are eligible to play in Competitions according to the following table:

Age Group	Eligible Male Birth Years	Eligible Female Birth Years
13s	2011 [†] , 2012, 2013, 2014*	2010 [†] , 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014*
14s	2010 [†] , 2011, 2012, 2013*	2009 [†] , 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013*
15s	2009 [†] , 2010, 2011, 2012*	2008 [†] , 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012*
16s	2008 [†] , 2009, 2010, 2011*	2007 [†] , 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011*
18s	2006 [†] , 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*	2005 [†] , 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*
Girls 13s	-	2011 [†] , 2012, 2013, 2014*
Girls 14s	-	2010 [†] , 2011, 2012, 2013*
Girls 15s	-	2009 [†] , 2010, 2011, 2012*
Girls 16s	-	2008 [†] , 2009, 2010, 2011*
Girls 17s	-	2007 [†] , 2008, 2009, 2010*
Girls 18s	-	2006 [†] , 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*

Birth years with an asterisk (*) require an exemption from Football West to participate in the relevant age group in accordance with Article 7.3.

Birth years with a cross (†) require a medical exemption to play in the age group.

An Under 18s Junior Boys Team may include a maximum of three (3) Players who were born in 2006 on the Team List for any Match. Each of these Players must be marked on the Team List with an asterisk next to each overage Player's name.

An Under 18s Junior Girls Team may include a maximum of three (3) Players who were born in 2004 or later on the Team List for any Match. Each of these Players must be marked on the Team List with an asterisk next to each overage Player's name.

An Under 17s Junior Girls Team may include a maximum of three (3) Players who were born in 2007 on the Team List for any Match. Each of these Players must be marked on the Team List with an asterisk next to each overage Player's name.

Penalty for Breach (failing to mark Team list): \$200

Penalty for Breach (4 or more over-age Players): Forfeiture of the Match

3. These age limitations do not apply to the Girls Under 14s Football West Academy Team, which will compete in the JDL Boys Under-13s League..
4. 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 currently registered and Football West prior to the approach being made.

Penalty for Breach \$500

Article 24 - Match Officials

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 Competition Season on Football West's website.
2. Representatives from each Team must liaise with each other to ensure that the Match Official(s) receive payment in cash of the Match Official fees on the day of the Match.
3. Football West in its sole and absolute discretion will allocate a Match Official(s) to a relevant match. No Club may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular Match Official.
4. In the event that a Match Official is unable to be allocated to a Match by Football West, or in circumstances where no Match Official allocated to a Match is ready and able to commence a Match within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the home Club must allocate a Match Official.
5. If a Match Official is appointed by the home Club in accordance with paragraph 4, that Match Official must be at least two years older than the age group of the Teams playing in that relevant Match.
6. A Match Official arranged by the Home Club in accordance with paragraph 4 will assume the same powers and responsibilities as an official Match Official for the duration of the Match.
7. In the absence of one or both assistant Match Officials, each Team must provide a Club assistant Match Official to assist the allocated Match Official. If either Club does not comply, then the Match must not proceed. In such a circumstance, Article 3 of the Community Competition Rules will apply.
8. If an appointed Match Official postpones or delays a Match for any reason, that Match Official must, within 3 Business Days of the Match date, submit a report in writing to Football West which sets out

the reasons for his decision to postpone or delay the Match. Where a Match is postponed, the appointed Match Official is entitled to receive 50% of the prescribed Match fee and 100% of the Match fee if the Match is delayed whether that Match is subsequently completed or abandoned entirely.

9. When a Match is forfeited by a Club for any reason, that Club must pay the Match Official 100% of that Match Official's prescribed Match fee, unless the forfeiting Club informed Football West in writing of its decision to forfeit the Match at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
10. If a Match is abandoned for any reason, the Match Officials are entitled to receive 100% of the Match fee payable by the Club or Clubs responsible for that Match's abandonment.

Article 25 - Modifications to the Laws of the Game

1. Matches in the 13s and 14s age groups will be played over two equal playing periods of 30 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing 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 playing periods of 35 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing period must last for a minimum of 25 minutes for a result to be recorded.
3. Matches in the 16s and 17s age groups will be played over two equal playing periods of 40 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing 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 playing periods of 45 minutes. With the exception of an abandoned Match, each playing period must last for a minimum of 30 minutes for a result to be recorded.
5. Substitutes in the Junior Leagues are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the Match. All substitutes in the Junior Leagues are able to be substituted on and off the field of play at will without limitation. All such substitutions must take place at the halfway line.
6. In Matches being played in the 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s and 18s age groups, no more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List of which a maximum of five (5) may be used in any one Match.
7. The Match Official has the power to produce Yellow Cards or Red Cards or temporarily dismiss a Player for prescribed conduct by a Player.
8. Temporary Dismissal System B, as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game, shall apply only to the cautionable offence of dissent by word or action.
9. A Player who is cautioned by a Match Official for dissent by word or action will be punished by a temporary dismissal period of ten (10) minutes for Matches greater than sixty (60) minutes in duration or five (5) minutes for Matches of sixty (60) minutes or less in duration.
10. Temporary dismissals are recorded on the Electronic Match Card submitted by the Match Official and do count toward an accumulation of cautions which would otherwise result in the production of a Red Card.
11. Any technical error by a Match Official with respect to employing a temporary dismissal on a Player is final and not subject to challenge by a Team or Player.

Article 26 - Playing Strips

1. Each Clubs must nominate in writing a “home” and “alternative” playing strip to Football West prior to the commencement of a Competition Season.
2. In any Match, if the Match Official forms the view that the shirts of the participating Teams are alike or similar, or likely to cause confusion, then Players of the home Team will be required to change shirts. The Match Official’s decision in this regard is final and not subject to dispute or challenge by a Team or Club.

Article 27 – Junior Boys League Players

1. Once a Player has started (or been listed on a Team List)f) in nine (9) Matches of NPLWA-M, State League, Amateur League or Metro League competition in the Under 18s, Under 23s/Reserves or First Team, they are no longer eligible to participate in the JDL and the JCL during the same Competition Season.
 - a) In the NPLWA-M these Senior Matches may comprise any combination of First Team, Under 23s and 18s Team Matches as long as no more than nine (9) Under 18s Matches, no more than five (5) Under 23s/Reserves Matches and no more than one (1) first Team NPL Match is played.
 - b) In the State League These Senior Matches may comprise any combination of First Team, Reserves and 18s Team Matches as long as no more than nine (9) Under 18s Matches, no more than five (5) Under 23s/Reserves Matches or three (3) First Team Matches is played.
 - c) In the Amateur/Metro League these senior matches may comprise any combination of First Team and Reserves as long as no more than nine (9) Metro League/ Amateur Reserves Matches or five (5) Amateur First Team Matches is played.

Following reaching the limits on Matches described in a), b) and c) or the ninth (9th) Match for the senior Teams, a Player must choose to play in either the NPL Seniors/State League/Amateurs or JDL and the JCL Team(s) for which they are eligible.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit of Junior Team Match

2. A Club must notify Football West in writing, confirming that Player’s choice to play either NPL, State League, Amateur League, Metro League or Junior Boys League before that Player may participate in any further Matches. Each Club is responsible for monitoring the number of Matches played by each of that Club’s Players.
3. Once a Player has taken the field of play in a NPL or State League Match for the First, Under 23s, Reserves or Under 18s age groups, Amateur League or Metro League that Player is not eligible to participate in the Junior Boys League for a Team below Under 15s JDL Division 3 during the same Competition Season. A Club may apply to Football West in writing for an exemption to this rule if that Club’s highest placed Team is below the Under 15s JDL Division 3 Competition. Any decision in favour of a Club is in the sole discretion of Football West.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

4. A Player may not play in any age group of the NPL or State League and any age group of the JCL League on the same weekend.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit of Second Match

5. No JDL Division 1 or 2 Player may play in the JCL, No JDL Division 3 and below player can play below JCL Division 3 unless the relevant Club has applied for an exemption to this rule in writing to, and

received written consent from, Football West. Football West will only consider granting such an exemption if the applying Club's next highest placed Team is below the JCL Division 3. For the purposes of this Article 25, a Player will be deemed to be an JDL Player if that Player has appeared on the Electronic Match Card of that Club's JDL Teams on at least 50% of that Player's Matches (if they have played more than two matches) or if they are listed on the Player Roster for that JDL Club.

6. JDL Division 1 and 2 Teams will be required to submit a Player Roster with no more than sixteen Players listed.

Article 28 – Player Rosters and Movement

1. Each Club in the JDL Division 1 & 2 must submit a valid Player Roster for each Team by the start of each section of the Competition.
 - a) **10:00am WST on Wednesday 30 April 2025** for Teams in Division 1 & 2 at the start of Section A.
 - b) **10:00am WST on Thursday 3 July 2025** for Teams in Division 1 & 2 at the start of Section B.

Penalty for breach **\$100 per day of breach**

2. Each Club in the JDL Girls Division 1 must submit a valid Player Roster for each Team by **10:00am WST on Wednesday 30 April 2025**.

Penalty for breach **\$100 per day of breach**

3. Each Age Group must have a Player Roster consisting of a minimum of 14 Players and a maximum of 16 Players.
4. A Player Roster must be valid at all times during the season and if Player movements result in an invalid Player Roster, then the Club must remedy this before their next Match in accordance with paragraph 10 and 11.
5. A Player must be on a Club's Player Roster in the relevant age group, subject to Paragraph 5 and 6, to be eligible to play in that age group.
6. A Player may play in one age group higher or lower than the Player Roster that this Player is on, subject to the age requirements set out in Article 22.
7. A Player may play a maximum of five (5) Matches for a Team (including Club championship) before they must be added to the Club's Player Roster.
8. A Player may move between JDL Boys Clubs and play in the JDL Boys Div 3 or above for the remainder of the Competition Season as long as they move **before 12:01pm on 30 April 2025**.
9. A Player who has previously been on a different JDL Boys Club's Player Roster and registers with a new Club after **12:01pm on 30 April 2025** may not play in any Team in the JDL Boys Division 3 or above for this new Club.
10. Exemptions may be granted to paragraphs 7 and 8 at the absolute discretion of Football West
11. A Player may be added to the Player Roster of a JDL Boys Club:
 - a) **before 12:01pm WST on 30 April 2025**;
 - b) in the case of an amateur Player previously registered with a different Club in Western Australia that does not have a JDL Division 3 and above Team or that Player has not played in JDL Division 3 and above in the current Competition Season.
 - c) in the case of an amateur Player who has not been registered with a different Club in Western Australia in 2025;

- d) in the case of an amateur Player previously registered outside Western Australia.
12. A Player may be removed from the Player Roster of a JDL Boys Club:
- a) **before 12:01pm WST on 30 April 2025;**
 - b) when a Player deregisters from the Club they must be removed;
 - c) in the case of a Player who is unable to play in the JDL Division 3 or above due to a change in work or personal circumstances accompanied by evidence acceptable to Football West.
13. A Team without a valid Player Roster will be deemed to forfeit any Matches scheduled until a compliant Player Roster is submitted.

Article 29 – Junior Girls League Players

1. The NPLWA-W and JDL Girls Under 18s will not be subject to Player movement restrictions between the Leagues provided Players meet the age eligibility requirements outlined in Article 22.
 2. A Player may play in both the NPLWA-W and JDL Girls 18s League on the same weekend.
 3. Clubs competing in the JDL Girls 18s League that do not have a Team in the NPLWA-W will not be subject to Player movement restrictions between the JDL Under 18s League Team and their highest ranked Team in the Women’s League provided Players meet the age eligibility requirements outlined in Article 22. A Player can play in both the Women’s League highest ranked Team and the Junior Girls 18s League Team on the same weekend.
 4. Once a Junior Girl’s Player has taken to the field in nine (9) Matches of the Women’s League. Following the ninth Match for the Women’s League, the Player must choose whether to play in either the Women’s League or the Junior Girls Team(s) for which they are eligible subject to paragraph 3 above.
- Penalty for breach Forfeit**
5. A Club must notify Football West in writing, confirming that Player’s choice to play either Junior Girl’s or Women’s League before that Player may participate in any further Matches. Each Club is responsible for monitoring the number of Matches played by each of that Club’s Players.
 6. Once a Player has taken the field of play in Women’s League matches that Player is not eligible to participate in the JCL Girls League Under 15s during the same Competition Season.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit of Second Match

PART 4 – JUNIOR CUPS

Article 30 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Part 3 of this Annexure are applicable to the relevant cup Competition (“**Cup**”) (i.e., Junior Girls League and Junior Girls Cup) unless otherwise specified in this Part 4.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Part 3 of this Annexure appears to conflict with a rule in this Part 4, the rule in this Part 4 will take precedence.
3. Any protest or complaint which, if upheld, would affect the result of any Cup Match must be lodged

with Football West by 12:00pm on the Tuesday following the originally scheduled weekend of that round of Matches. Protests or complaints received by Football West after that time will not be considered under any circumstances.

Article 31 - Players

1. A Player may not play for a Team in any Junior Cup if, in the same Competition Season, that Player has previously played for a different Team in any Cup Competition.
Penalty for Breach Forfeit
2. Players are eligible for Cup Competitions for the highest age group in which they have participated during the Competition Season subject to the exceptions described in paragraph 3.
3. If a Player has played in multiple age groups, to be eligible to play in a lower age group, that Player must:
 - a) have played at least 50% of that Player's Matches in the lower age group; or
 - b) have played in no more than three (3) Matches for the higher age group.

Article 32 – Junior Girls Cup Competition Format

1. All Teams in the Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s and Under 18s Junior Girls League Competition are eligible to compete in the Junior Girls Cup.
2. Participation is mandatory for Teams in Division 1 and Division 2.
3. Participation is voluntary for all other Teams participating in the Junior Girls League Competition. All Teams will automatically be entered into the Competition and Teams will need to opt out if they do not wish to compete.
4. Each Club proposing entry of a Team into the Junior Girls Cup must specify to Football West that Club's associated Junior Girls League Team to be eligible.
5. A Club that wishes to withdraw one or more Teams that are not in Division 1 or Division 2 from the Competition, must do so **by 5:00pm on Wednesday 23 April 2025**. Requests received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of Football West. **Clubs should be aware that the majority of Cup Matches, including the quarterfinals, semi-finals and final may be played on Saturdays.**
6. Clubs competing in each round of the Junior Girls Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs at random by Football West. Those drawn pairs will play a Match, subject to the FIFA Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures, and the winner of each Match will compete in the next round which will be drawn in the same manner. This drawing procedure will be repeated until the final of the Junior Girls Cup Competition.
7. A preliminary round Match may be held to ensure that the following rounds of Matches can be played by the correct number of Teams so that only two Teams remain at the end of the Junior Girls Cup Competition. Football West may determine by any process it deems suitable which Teams will play in these preliminary rounds.
8. Football West will inform each Club, via the Competition Management System, of the time, date and venue of a Match after the draw of each round Match.
9. In all Matches played during the Junior Girls Cup, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Match will be decided by penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the

Game.

Article 33 – Junior Girls Cup Player Eligibility

1. Player eligibility set out in this Article 33 is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 23(Players), 29(Junior Girls League Player) and Article 31 (players)
2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a Player must have played in a minimum of five (5) Matches for the Team in question in combination with the Club's associated Junior Girls League Team as set out in Article 31 Paragraph 3, prior to that semi-final or final.

Penalty for Breach

Forfeit

3. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 2, specifically in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least three (3) Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merits and make determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.
4. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. An exemption application to Football West which describes that Player's absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2) Business Days before the Match. Football West's decision on any application is final.

Penalty for Breach

Forfeit

Article 34 – JDL Boys Cup Competition Format

1. All Teams in the Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s JDL Boys League competitions are eligible to compete in the JDL Boys Cup.
2. Participation in the Junior JDL Boys Cup is mandatory for all teams in JDL Division 1 – 3..
3. Participation is voluntary for all other Teams participating in the JDL Boys Competition. All Teams will automatically be entered into the Competition and Teams will need to opt out if they do not wish to compete.
4. Each Club proposing entry of a Team into the JDL Boys Cup must specify to Football West that Club's associated JDL Team.
5. A Club that wishes to withdraw one or more Teams that are below Division 3 from the JDL Boys Cup Competition, must do so **by 5:00pm on Wednesday 23 April 2025**. Requests received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of Football West. **Clubs should be aware that the majority of Cup Matches, including the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final may be played on Saturdays.**
6. Clubs competing in each round of the JDL Boys Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs according to a process determined by Football West. Those pairs will play a Match subject to the FIFA Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures, and the winner of each Match will compete in the next round which Matches will be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be repeated until the final of the Competition.
7. A preliminary round Match may be held to ensure that the following rounds of Matches can be played by the correct number of Teams so that only two Teams remain at the end of the Junior Boys Cup Competition. Football West may determine by any process it deems suitable which Teams will play

in these preliminary rounds.

8. After the draw of each round, Football West will inform each participating Club, via the Competition Management System, of the Match date, time and venue.
9. In all Matches, should Match scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Match will be decided by penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
10. In Matches played in the 13s to 16s age groups, no more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List.

Article 35 – JDL Boys Cup Player Eligibility

1. Player eligibility is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 23 (Players), 27 (Junior Boys League Players) and Article 31.
2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a Player must have played in a minimum of five (5) different Matches for the Team in question in combination with the Club's associated Team as set out in Article 31, paragraph 3 prior to that semi-final or final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

3. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 2, specifically in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least 3 Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merits and make determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.
4. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. An exemption application to Football West which describes that Player's absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2) Business Days before the Match. Football West's decision on any application is final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

Article 36 – JCL Boys Cup Competition Format

1. All Teams in the Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s and 18s JCL League competitions are eligible to compete in the JCL Boys Cup.
2. Participation is voluntary for all Teams participating in the JCL Boys Competition. All Teams will automatically be entered into the Competition and Teams will need to opt out if they do not wish to compete.
3. A Club that wishes to withdraw one or more Teams, must do so **by 5:00pm on Wednesday 23 April 2025**. Requests received after this date will be accepted at the absolute discretion of Football West. **Clubs should be aware that the majority of Cup Matches, including the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final may be played on Saturdays.**
4. Clubs competing in each round of the JCL Boys Cup Competition will be drawn in pairs according to a process determined by Football West. Those pairs will play a Match subject to the FIFA Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexures, and the winner of each Match will compete in the next round which Matches will be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be

repeated until the final of the Competition.

5. A preliminary round Match may be held to ensure that the following rounds of Matches can be played by the correct number of Teams so that only two Teams remain at the end of the JCL Boys Cup Competition. Football West may determine by any process it deems suitable which Teams will play in these preliminary rounds.
6. After the draw of each round, Football West will inform each participating Club, via the Competition Management System, of the Match date, time and venue.
7. In all Matches, should Match scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
8. In Matches played in the 13s to 18s age groups, no more than five (5) named substitutes may be listed on the Team List.

Article 37 – JCL Cup Player Eligibility

1. Player eligibility is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 23 (Players), 27 (Junior Boys League Players) and Article 31 (Players).
2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a Player must have played in a minimum of five (5) different Matches for the Team in question in combination with the Club's associated Team as set out in Article 31, paragraph 3 prior to that semi-final or final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

3. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 2, specifically in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least 3 Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merits and make determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.
4. A Player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. An exemption application to Football West which describes that Player's absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least two (2) Business Days before the Match. Football West's decision on any application is final.

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

Article 38 – Junior Girls Top 4 Cup Competition Format

1. Teams that finish in the top four positions in each Junior Girls League Division in the Regular Season will compete in the Girls Top 4 Cup for that Division. Entry is compulsory for those relevant Teams with the exception of Under 14s Division 1 and Under 16s Division 1 which will not compete in a Top 4 cup.
2. Semi-finals will be played between the Team finishing first and the Team finishing fourth in each Division. The Team finishing first will be designated as the home Team.
3. Semi-finals will also be played between the Team finishing second and the Team finishing third in each Division. The Team finishing second will be designated as the home Team.
4. Finals will be played between those Teams who win each of their respective semi-final in each Division.

5. In all Matches played, if the scores are level at the full-time whistle, then the outcome of the Match will be decided by penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
6. In the event that a Team is not ready to commence the Match within five (5) minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, the offending Team will be deemed to have forfeited that Match.

Article 39 – Junior Girls Top 4 Cup Player Eligibility

1. Player eligibility is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 23 (Players) and 29 (Junior Girls League Player).
2. A Player may not participate in more than one Top 4 Cup Competition in any one Competition Season.
3. To be eligible to participate in a Girls Top 4 Cup Match, a Player must have:
 - a) Been listed on a Team List and eligible to play for the Team in question for at least five (5) Matches during the Regular Season including Cup Matches and:
 - b) played at least 50% of that Player's Matches for the Team in question.
4. Clubs are responsible for tracking the eligibility of their Players for the Junior Girls Top 4 Cup.
5. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 3, in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least three (3) Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merit and make a determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.
6. Any Player eligibility protest or complaint must be made in accordance with Article 30 paragraph 3.

Article 40 – JCL Top 4 Cup Competition Format

1. Teams which finish in the highest four positions in each JCL Boys Division in the Regular Season will compete in the JCL Boys Top 4 Cup for that Division. Entry is compulsory for those Teams.
2. Semi-finals will be played between the Team finishing first and the Team finishing fourth in each Division. The Team finishing first will be designated as the home Team.
3. Semi-finals will also be played between the Team finishing second and the Team finishing third in each Division. The Team finishing second will be designated as the home Team.
4. Finals will be played between the winning Teams from each semi-final in each relevant Division.
5. In all Matches, if the scores are level at the full-time whistle, then the outcome of the Match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
6. In the event that a Team is not ready to commence the Match within five (5) minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, the offending Team will be deemed to have forfeited that Match.

Article 41 – JCL Boys Top 4 Cup Player Eligibility

1. Player eligibility is also subject to the conditions set out in Article 23 (Players) and 27 (Junior Boys League Players).
2. A Player may not participate in more than one Top 4 Cup Competition in any one Competition Season.

3. To be eligible to participate in a JCL Boys Top 4 Cup Match, a Player must have:
 - a. been listed on a Team List and eligible to play for the Team in question for at least five (5) Matches during the regular Regular Season including cup matches and:
 - b. played at least 50% of that Player's Matches for the team Team in question
4. Clubs are responsible for tracking the eligibility of their Players for the JCL Boys Top 4 Cup.
5. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 3, in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least three (3) Business Days before the relevant Match. Football West will assess each case on its merit and make a determination regarding the Player's eligibility which is final. For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any Player whose absence was caused by Suspension.

Any player Player eligibility protest or complaint must be made in accordance with Article 30 paragraph 3.

Article 42- Match Officials

1. Football West will cover Match Official fees for all Boys and Girls JDL and JCL Cup Grand Finals..