

ESPERANCE DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. LEAGUE AFFILIATION

- 1.1 The EDFA is an affiliated member to the Country Football WA (CFWA) and is bound by the CFWA's rules and regulations for the management of Country Football Competitions. This includes the use of the CFWA's Match Day Paperwork processes.
- 1.2 The EDFA utilises the Australian Football League's (AFL) Annual Laws document to set the rulings for its competitions.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall in all respects be responsible for and have control of the following: -

- 2.1 The development of rules (bylaws) and policy for governing the Association.
- 2.2 The setting and prescription of all entrance fees for Association Matches.
- 2.3 Establish and decide upon the fixturing of all the Associations competitions.
- 2.4 Make determinations regarding the eligibility of players within the Association.
- 2.5 Handle all protests, tribunals and disputes for the Association.
- 2.6 Organise and participate in all representative opportunities as deemed appropriated by the Association.
- 2.7 Establish subcommittees to handle opportunities, situations and projects as it deems relevant.
- 2.8 The Association will ensure all Affiliated Clubs are covered under the AFL's Club Insurance Policy. The Association accepts no responsibility for the loss of wages, medical expenses, time off work or any other relevant cost due to injury sustained by a person whilst playing or training for a club or Association above that provided by the Association's compulsory Insurance Policy.

3. CLUB AFFILIATION

- 3.1 Every Member Club must sign and return the EDFA Club Affiliation Agreement to be eligible to participate in the League prior to the time specified by the Association.
- 3.2 Every Club admitted to the Association shall deposit with the Association a copy of their Club rules and a copy of every amendment thereof within fourteen (14) days after such amendments is approved.
- 3.3 Every club upon admission to the Association shall apply for and obtain permission of the Directors to use the colours and design of the uniform under which the club proposes to play.
 - 3.3.1 Any club desiring to vary or alter its colours, uniform or design shall apply to the Board of Directors by for permission to make such variation or alteration.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINAL ROUND MATCHES

- 4.1 All players must have played at least four (4) qualifying matches with their club to be eligible to play in final round matches.

- 4.2 All players who have played three (3) or more league qualifying games for his club in the current season must play at least three (3) qualifying games in the Reserves competition to be eligible to play in the Reserves final round competition.
- 4.3 If a player has played a league qualifying game and a Reserves qualifying game on the same date, he is deemed to have played in the league competition.
- 4.4 If a club has its league and Reserves teams playing in any final series match on the same day Bylaw 4.2 shall not apply. Such club may select its top twenty-two (22) for the league match and all other players may play the Reserves competition subject to Bylaw 4.1.
- 4.5 If a player has been ruled out of playing due to the concussion rule and/or injury and misses out on 3 eligible playing matches, a letter must be sent to the EDFA Directors and each case by case application will be reviewed and a result determined by the current Directors.

5. FORFEITS AND LENDING OF PLAYERS

- 5.1 Any club forfeiting a match will be fined up to \$400; in the event of a club forfeiting a second or subsequent match in the same grade in the same year will be fined up to \$600 at the discretion of the Directors.

6. MATCH DAY

- 6.1 a In the EDFA competition, there are eighteen (18) players on the field in a League match with four (4) players on the bench.
- 6.1 b In the EDFA competition, there are eighteen (18) players on the field in a Reserves match with seven (7) players on the bench.
- 6.3 The duration of each quarter of a League match shall be twenty minutes (20) plus time on only for all scores, points and goals.
- 6.4 If any club is not ready to start to play fifteen (15) minutes after the time affixed for the commencement of the game or to re-commence play within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion or the second quarter, such club shall forfeit the match unless the umpires shall be satisfied that the delay was unavoidable.
- 6.5 The home club shall provide a timekeeper with his own time piece, the visiting club if they so wish would provide a check timekeeper with his own time piece. Both timekeepers must be in box prior to commencement of the game and for the entire game. In the event of any disagreement between the two (2) time keepers as to the length or variation of the time of any quarter such dispute shall in the case of the first or second quarters be reported to the field umpires at the half time interval and in the result of the match on case of the third or fourth quarters it shall be reported at the conclusion of the game. The field umpire shall note such disagreement on his match report to the Association. Such report shall be referred to the next meeting of the Directors and in the event of a protest on the ground of an error in time keeping a copy of the report made available to the EDFA.
- 6.6 The home club for each qualifying match shall provide four (4) boundary umpires for each match.
 - 6.6.1 They shall be dressed in the correct attire, fluorescent shirts.
 - 6.6.2 They shall have the capacity to perform their required duties to a satisfactory standard and in a proper manner,
 - 6.6.3 They shall report to the field umpire fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of each match,
 - 6.6.4 Failure to fulfill these requirements will be reported to the Association by the umpires and the Directors take action as deem fit.

7. HOME GROUND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 The home club shall be responsible for clear marking of the oval in accordance with the laws of Australian Football.

- 7.2 The home club shall be responsible for supplying a competent scoreboard attendant.
- 7.4 For all Reserves games the home team is responsible for supplying a near new ball, the condition of which has been approved of on that day by central umpire and both team captains.
- 7.5 The home club is to ensure that the goal and behind posts are adequately covered with acceptable covering.

8. FINALS

- 8.1 The final round shall begin at the conclusion of the qualifying round and shall be played between the four leading clubs at the conclusion of the qualifying round. The league team finishing on top of the Association ladder at the completion of the qualifying rounds shall chose the Association ground where the second semi-final shall be played; but cannot choose their own ground if hosting the grand final. Every club will host a final game in the final rounds.
- 8.2 The first (1st) semi-final, preliminary and grand finals shall be played at an Association ground as designated by the Association.
- 8.3 There shall be no drawn matches in final matches. In the event of scores being level at the elapsed time, the timekeepers shall sound the siren.
- 8.4 The goal umpires shall consult with each other as to the correct score and confirm to the field umpires that the scores are level and signal to the timekeepers that the scores are correct. In the event that goal umpires are unable to confirm the correct scores, they shall consult with the timekeepers to confirm the correct score.
- 8.5 On receiving confirmation that the scores are level; the field umpires shall advise both captains that two additional 5-minute periods with time on shall be played. In the first additional period, teams shall kick to the opposite end to which they kicked in the final quarter.
- 8.6 The interval between reaching confirmation of a tied score and the commencement of the first period of additional time shall be six minutes. Coaches shall be permitted to address teams during this period and other club staff entitled to be on the arena at intervals may also attend their teams.
- 8.7 Should the score be tied at the conclusion of these two additional halves the team captains will decide which team kicks to which end of the ground by the toss of a coin and play will resume until one team scores and that team will be declared the winner.

9. JUNIOR COMPETITION

- 9.1 All Under 17 and younger competitions sanctioned by the EDFA are bound by the WAFC's Junior Club Manual with the exception of the amendments outlined in Appendix 1 - Esperance District Junior Football Association Rules and Regulations, attached below.

10. DUAL REGISTRATION

- 10.1 On the request of the EDFA, a player may register with both the EDFA and Ravensthorpe and Districts Football Association under the following rules: -
- 10.1.1 A player may play in only one affiliated League on any one weekend;
- 10.1.2 These players will be eligible to play in final round matches in both competitions providing they satisfy the qualifying number of games in each;
- 10.1.3 Should a player be reported and suspended in either of his dual League competitions a report including date of the incident, details of his offence and length of suspension must be forwarded to his other dual League. That player will not be eligible to play in either competition until such time as the full period of his suspension has expired.

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All Under 17 and younger competitions sanctioned by the EDJFA are bound by the WAFC's Junior Club Manual with the following amendments.

In the event a discrepancy is found with the WAFC's Junior Club Manual, the discrepancy must be referred to the EDFA for final determination.

AMMENDMENTS

Coaching Accreditations

Where a coach has been found to have breached this by-law the team may lose premiership points at the discretion of the EDJFA. Any team (juniors or youth) that plays in a game will be fined \$250 for every game that they do not have an accredited coach. Subsequent breaches may result in the EDJFA enforcing further sanctions/fines.

Games/Grades

A player may be eligible to play up to a MAXIMUM of one grade above.

If a player is unable to play their normal grade, but able to play the grade higher, then an application to the EDFA must be submitted 48 hours prior to the round commencement.

If a player plays up a grade to 'fill in', they are not to play more time than any other player of that age.

Colts games play at a reduced number of 16-a-side and reduced quarter times of 17 minutes.

With written parental/guardian permission, female players 14 years, are able to play in the senior women's competition but must play in the U14 grade first.

Finals

To be eligible to take part in any final round match the player must have played a minimum of four (4) matches in that grade to qualify for finals.

Irrespective of how many games played in a higher-grade junior player will remain eligible to play finals in their registered age grade.

If a player has been ruled out of playing due to the concussion rule and misses out on 3 eligible playing matches, a letter must be sent to the EDFA Directors and each case by case application will be reviewed and a result determined by the current Directors.

The Fairest and Best Player in the game shall receive five (5) votes, with the other Fairest and Best Players receiving four (4), three (3), two (2), one (1) vote in order of performance. These votes shall be recorded by the Umpire in an approved method set out by the EDFA.