

## AMENDED PLAYING CONDITIONS 2022

BY-LAW	EXISTING RULE	2022 RULE
2.1 Home & Away games	4 premiership points awarded for win, 2 for a draw, where there is a bye in a competition MR applies	Match Ratio applies to all competitions. This will allow the fairest outcome for matches affected by COVID.
5.4.3 Water Carriers	Two Water Carriers allowed per team	No Water Carriers allowed. Teams to use interchange to rotate players for a drink if required. NB: No water carriers or interchange available for U8s & U9s
6.5.3 Playing in higher age groups	Player who qualifies in more than one age group can only play finals in the higher age group.	Players who qualify for finals in multiple age groups may play finals in those age groups on the provision that they: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Play the required matches to qualify in both age groups and</li> <li>2. Have played more than 50% of the fixtured matches in the lower age group</li> </ol> NB: This is a continuation of the 2021 playing condition
8.1.4 Reduced numbers provision (14 for Girls, 16 for Mixed and Boys)	Lowest ranked or single team can request reduced numbers for U13 and above	NB: The 2021 condition has been removed and we are returning to the normal application of the By-Law.
8.5 Evening Up	Both teams shall field the same number of players with lending of players encouraged (up to U12 compulsory)	Up to and including Under 12s teams may even up by loaning players who shall turn their club jumper inside out.  Under 13 and Above, teams to play equal numbers by one team reducing.
10.1 - 10.3 U8/U9/U10 Competitions	Evening Up required	Teams may even up by loaning players who shall turn their club jumper inside out.  NB: This is a continuation of the 2021 playing condition
Wristbands	In matches where zones exist, three different coloured wrist bands to be used.	No wrist bands to be used.  NB: This is a continuation of the 2021 playing condition
Schedule I - Guidelines for the Conduct of Finals	NB: The YJFL reserves the right to change the By-Laws relating to finals should COVID interrupt the season.	



## **TRIBUNAL PENALTIES FOR COVID-RELATED INFRINGEMENTS**

Clubs have a duty to ensure that players with COVID symptoms do not participate in training or games. Coaches have an influence over team behaviour and must ensure that players who are not well do not participate in training or games. If a coach is aware of a player being unwell, or showing symptoms, they must remove that player from training or game immediately. Coaches must be vigilant - negligent behaviour can impact their team, their club, other clubs or the whole competition.

- Coaches who play a player who is displaying COVID symptoms will be referred to the Conduct Investigation Tribunal.
- Coaches who knowingly play a player with COVID, or play a player who has been advised to self-isolate, risk a severe penalty.

The YJFL, at its sole discretion, may investigate any allegations or reported incidents or behaviour regarding players, officials or spectators with regard to COVID protocols.

Coaches must be supportive of umpire communications relating to COVID related concerns.

## **REPORTABLE OFFENCES**

The following are examples of offences considered to be more serious due to the infectious nature of COVID:

<b>Description</b>
Deliberate spitting at or on another person
Deliberate coughing at or on another person
Engaging in any act of Misconduct
Failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by a field umpire for COVID related matter.
Knowingly play or allow a player to play with COVID or when advised by health authorities to be self-isolated

Any offences relating to Covid-19 will be referred directly to the YJFL Conduct Investigation Tribunal.



## **POSTPONEMENT & CANCELLATION OF GAMES**

The YJFL approach to matches being unable to be played is described:

- (a) Games will not be played if not played as fixtured; no postponement is possible.
- (b) Cancellation of any match, prior to commencement, due to COVID related issues, must be done in consultation with the League Football Operations Manager(s). This may include absences due to Stay Away requirements notified on the day of the match.
- (c) Presidents will be asked to confirm in writing a club's inability to field a team due to COVID related issues.
- (d) Games will have no result entered and will not count towards the match ratio ladder result.
- (e) Matches that are terminated after commencement will be subject to the normal conditions as outlined in By-Law 3.7.

## **TEAM SHEET PROCEDURE**

Our intention is to go paperless for the 2022 season. Team sheet procedures will be updated when available, due to the continuing enhancement of this feature within PlayHQ.

Team Manager Coordinators have already been briefed on this situation, and the paper based alternative, should this not be ready for round 1.