



AFL NSW/ACT Generic Rules

Key Substantive Amendments 2021

The following identifies the key material changes resulting from merging the AFL NSW/ACT Generic By-Laws and the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations. Changes have also been made to formatting and the structure of the document. Within a number of the Rules the additional use of tables assists with clarity.

Provision	What	Why
2.10.5 Location of Mark at Kick In (New)	Include new Laws of the Game Rule and describe where it is applied in Juniors and Youth	Provide clarity on the application of the Rule
2.10.6 Player Standing the Mark (Lateral Movement) (New)	Include a provision for the new Laws of the Game excluding its application for Junior and Youth Football	Provide clarity on the application of the Rule
2.10.7 Head Count – Under Age Competitions (New)	Include a provision for addressing those incidents that occur	Provide a stepped process to situations where a Head Count is called.
2.10.8 Sledging and Intimidation Under Age Competitions (New)	Include a provision to address this behaviour in matches	Assist Clubs and Umpires when situations occur.
2.10.9 Removing Players from the Field of Play (New)	Include a provision to address Team walk offs	Provide clarity to Clubs on the consequences of wrongfully removing a Team from a Ground.
4.10 Proof of Communication (New)	Establish clarity communication from Clubs	Provide an understanding of responsibility.
5.3.4 Permits Appendix H (New)	Provide an explanation on the application of Permits available to Players	Provide clarity on process and eligibility for clubs
6.3 Multiple Teams in Under Age Competitions (New)	Include a provision where a club has multiple teams in a single Age Group or Division	Provide a process to assist Leagues and Clubs with Players and their allocation to teams
7.1.1 Conduct (New)	Establish a provision that addresses the expected conduct of all Officials at any community football related event.	Provide clarity for Club Officials on the importance of adhering to the Code of Conduct

7.3 Ground Manager (New)	Include a provision that establishes a better understanding of the importance of the Ground Manager on match day	Provide for clarity of responsibilities on Match Day and in recruiting for this role.
8.4 Minimum Standards (New)	Establish responsibilities where minimum standards are applicable in a Competition	Assist Leagues where there are specific minimum standards that need to be achieved. An example may be additional levels of accreditation for Coaches
8.7.5 Ten (10) Goal Equalisation – Under Age Competitions (New)	Include a provision to address unnecessary disparity between teams in scoring during a Match	Establish a process for Leagues and Club Coaches that addresses teams that are totally “demolished”.
9.1.4 Officials Identification and Appendix F (new)	Provide a provision and Appendix that consolidates all Officials match day	Assist Leagues to identify and display under the one provision
9.8.1 Allowed on the Field of Play (New)	Include a provision to Clarify Ground Access	Provide clarity to Clubs
13.5 Vilification and Discrimination Reports (New)	Include a provision on addressing Umpire Reports to such incidents.	Provide clarity to Leagues and Clubs on the process to address such incidents.
13.8.4 Lodgement of Incidents – Non Reportable Offences (New)	Establish a timeline provision for such incidents to be referred.	Provide clarity to the Clubs on process