

MODIFIED RULES - FOR HUME LEAGUE UNDER. 14's COMPETITION

Following a meeting at Lockhart (15/03/99) of Junior Officials and decisions made at a Directors Meeting of the League at Walla (24/03/99) the following modified rules are compulsory for all U.14's games (including finals).

Clubs are to make Club Umpires/Coaches/Players/Parents/Officials etc fully aware of these modified rules.

1. Players are limited to one (1) bounce or touching of the ball on the ground before disposing of the ball - the ball must be kicked or hand balled to a team mate before the afore said player can regain possession and continue play.
2. A mark is any "catch" of the ball from the foot of another player - regardless of the distance the ball has travelled.
3. Out of Bounds:
 - if kicked out the ball is to be brought back into play by a player of the opposing team.
 - if forced out off hands the Umpire is to throw the ball up with players of similar size contesting the "ruck".
4. Umpires to use a five (5) minute "sin bin" for illegal/unruly/undisciplined play - two such "sin bins" result in the player being sent off for the remainder of the game.
(NOTE: If the Umpire/s are of the opinion that a players actions warrant further penalty they are to use the Report Book and place the matter in the hands of the League).
5. Only official runners/trainers are permitted on the ground during actual play - coaches are not permitted on the ground during play. (In the case of "serious" injury common sense would prevail.)
6. A size 4 "all weather" ball must be used in all games.
7. Whilst kicking off the ground is not a penalty it is to be discouraged and umpires urged to encourage players to attempt to take possession of the ball.
8. A 15m penalty is to be used in place of the normal 50m penalty.
9. The "SPIRIT" of the game of Australian Football is at all times paramount and all concerned umpires/coaches/players/parents/officials etc are urged to keep in mind the aim of the League is to "provide a game of football for our kids to enjoy."

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NOTE: At the 2008 Launch Junior Coaches and Officials will discuss removal of percentages in Hume League Junior matches and the policy to provide more even games in the competitions.
Any decisions reached will be recommended to the next Directors Meeting to be ratified and added to above where applicable.