

Juniors Season Checklist 2008

Player Age Policy

The Player Age Policy clearly outlines the conditions under which young players can play in the various competitions. Assessment forms, including parental consent, nomination of assessors and actual assessment sheets will be accepted up to the close of business on Friday afternoon.

Eligible Players

Clubs should ensure that all players taking the field for their club in teams this weekend are eligible. This means they must be registered with Football Brisbane, not be under suspension and, in the case of young players must be correctly assessed under the Player Age Policy. Clubs must also ensure that all players are listed on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match.

There is no restriction on the participation of youth players in other Football Brisbane Senior competitions. A youth player is eligible, subject to the Football Brisbane Age Policy, to play in any other Senior Competition on the same weekend regardless of his or her participation in a Youth Competition fixture.

Within other Senior Competitions, if a player plays in more than one team on the same weekend, they are only eligible to play in the team within the club which is immediately above or below the team for which they first played in that weekend, restricting them to two (2) matches in that weekend in these competitions. This exception applies to a maximum of three (3) players in each team on any weekend.

Note: Weekend - means Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

BORROWING PLAYERS AND REGRADING

Competition

Registered competition players may be borrowed to play in higher divisions and age groups provided that they have completed the appropriate Player Age Policy Assessment Forms but may only do so for a maximum of four (4) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in.

Borrowing a player or players from a lower age group or division should not advantage the borrowing team's performance when compared with its usual squad.

A team playing in a fixture shall be permitted to borrow an unlimited number of players from a lower division in that age group.

A team playing in a fixture shall be permitted to borrow a maximum of two (2) players per match from any higher divisions in any lower age groups (i.e. U11 (1) playing in U12 (3)).

Players graded into BJJ competitions can only be borrowed into BJJ or Division 1 competitions in higher age groups (e.g. a U13 BJJ player can only be borrowed into U14 BJJ or U14 Division 1).

Players can not be borrowed between gender specific teams and mixed teams.

A junior player playing up or borrowed (with or without their Identity Card being available) is to sign the Match Sheet and their usual team is to be noted in the Substitutes Column.

Registrations

Football Brisbane will accept registrations up to the close of business on Friday afternoon.

Match Sheets

On match day, both teams participating in a competition match are required to complete a Football Brisbane Match Sheet prior to the commencement of any match. Both teams must ensure they have the minimum number of players to commence the match (Under 11 to Under 16 competitions – 7 players).

A Match Sheet must:

- list all match details (age group, division, date, fixture number, participating teams, and venue);
- list all players taking part in the match with full names and corresponding shirt numbers;
- not list more than 16 players for any fixture;
- list all Team Officials;
- be supplied to the match referee **at least 15 minutes** prior to the scheduled kick-off.

For the Under 16 BJL only, all players who are starting as substitutes are to be indicated with an “R” marked in the substitute’s column.

The referee is responsible for ensuring the names of all Match Officials are listed and signed on the sheet.

Players participating in junior matches are not required to sign the Match Sheet unless they are borrowed players or their identity is challenged. Managers are entitled to ask to check the Player Identity Cards of the opposing team which must be produced on request. It is the responsibility of the Club official to ensure that any player needing to sign the Match Sheet does so by the conclusion of the half time interval and a challenged player must do so in front of the match referee.

Following the match, each team Manager and Referee should sign off the Match Sheet **after** verifying the final result and game details (red cards, cautions, substitutes, goalscorers and times).

The home club is to forward the original copies of the completed Match Sheets for both teams (home and away) to reach the Football Brisbane office no later than two (2) days after the weekend.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to fine clubs who do not fulfil these requirements.

Ringling in Scores

Clubs (both Home and Away) are required to ring the scores of their match in to the office (3849 1106) as soon as possible after the completion of their match (or matches if games being played consecutively).

Football Brisbane may impose a fine on clubs that fail to register their full-time scores as required.

Playing Strip

Clubs should check the playing colours of their weekend opponents if they are not 100% sure. Please remember that it is the responsibility of the **home team** to change in the event of a clash.

Marketing License Agreement

Clubs should make sure that their teams are not in breach of the Football Queensland Licensing Agreement and that correct playing gear and footballs are being used. Goalkeepers must also abide by the clothing arrangements.

Technical Area Identification

There will be a period in which the wearing of Technical Area Identity Cards will be relaxed. We will advise shortly when this will be strictly enforced. However, this does NOT mean that the behaviour of team officials in the Technical Area will not be monitored. Clubs should be working to ensure all officials are correctly registered as soon as possible. If coaches and officials have their ID cards from last year, they should wear them until the new ones are issued.

SUBSTITUTION/ INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

Substitution

For the Under 16 Brisbane Junior League, each team can make up to three (3) substitutions in any given fixture, with no more than five (5) substitutes listed on the Match Sheet.

All substitutions can only occur at a break in play with the approval of the referee and must take place at the halfway line.

Interchange of players

In all other competitions, unlimited interchange will be permitted, with no more than five (5) substitutes permitted to be listed on the Match Sheet.

Only players' names listed on the Match Sheet are permitted to take part in the match. A player who has been interchanged may return to the field for another player.

All interchanges can only occur at a break in play with the approval of the referee and must take place at the halfway line.

Referee Appointments

In the event no registered match official is present to take charge of the fixture, then the designated "Home" club shall consult the visiting team and appoint a match official to take charge of the fixture. This match official has the same powers as a registered match official.

In circumstances where only one assistant referee has been appointed, **the home team is obliged to provide a club assistant to assist the match referee.**

In circumstances where no assistant referees have been appointed, **the home team is obliged to provide two club assistants to assist the match referee.** If necessary, the away club may be asked to provide an assistant. However, the game cannot start without 2 assistants.

Clubs will be advised of those matches where no referee/assistants have been appointed to enable them to have alternative arrangements in place.

Ground Officials

It is the responsibility of the home club to provide sufficient ground officials to oversee all games on all fields at their facility. Should several fields be in use at the same time, more than one official may be on duty.

Ground officials are to be visible at all times and must be designated to provide an escort to all match officials before kick-off, at half time and full time. A ground official cannot be the

coach or manager whose game is in progress on the park, nor can the ground official be the canteen supervisor.

Match Officials

Please remind all necessary team officials that Match Officials **MUST** be paid before the commencement of the match in the Match Officials room. **DO NOT** abuse any match officials who insist on this as it is Football Brisbane policy. Please ensure that people responsible for the payment of match officials are aware of this.

Match fees are the responsibility of the designated home team.

Disciplinary Policy

The Zone Disciplinary Policy was distributed to all clubs and available for reading on the website. All players and officials should be aware of the sanctions for send offs as these have changed from previous seasons. Players are given an automatic suspension relative to the particular offence (which is not appealable) and additional sanctions relative to the particular offence (which is appealable).

Code of Conduct

The FFA Code of Conduct applies to the conduct and behaviour of all players, coaches, club officials and referees and clubs should make everyone aware of their obligations.