

2023 AMENDED PLAYING CONDITIONS

4.3.15 Ground Inspection

The Home Team shall be responsible for conducting, prior to each day's play, a ground inspection and must complete a Ground Inspection Report Form as set out in Schedule L – Risk Management.

If any player or official is of the opinion that the venue is unsafe for play for whatever reason, they should discuss this with their team manager who can then consult with the umpire(s) and/or ground manager.

If on the day of any match the umpire(s) and both team coaches deem that the playing surface is unsafe for play to commence or continue, or if both teams coaches cannot agree on the suitability of the ground for play, the umpire is to make contact with the YJFL Duty Manager who will refer the matter to the YJFL CEO or his/her appointee to make a final decision on whether the match will proceed, be cancelled or rescheduled.

UNDER 10 GIRLS COMPETITIONS

10.4.4 Match Length

There will be four 12-minute quarters with breaks of five, five and five minutes with the match to be completed within one hour and fifteen minutes.

10.4.13 Team Officials

Coaches

Up until and including Round 4, we will allow coaches on the field of play to assist in maintain zones, ensuring girls go to their correct positions and to generally assist the game to be played in a flowing manner (i.e., offer direction to the girls).

NB: Coach is allowed on field to assist players, up to and including Round 4.

Runner

A Runner is permitted in Under 10 Girls under the provisions of By Law 5.3 from Round 5 onwards.

Injured players

1. If a game is stopped due to a medical emergency that requires a player to be stretchered off or aided by an ambulance, a Player Support Person may enter the field to provide support for the player in need.
2. A person may only enter the field when a game has been stopped by an umpire or league official.

Quarter Time Breaks

1. A Player Support Person may provide support for any player who requires additional support during the quarter time or three-quarter time break.

2. During the quarter time or three-quarter time break a Player Support Person may provide support for a player who:
 - Has a high risk medical conditions (Examples include but not are limited to: Diabetes, Asthma, Epilepsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Anaphylaxis)
 - Is Neuro Diverse
 - Has a medical condition that affects movement or communication (Examples include but are not limited to: Deaf, mute, cerebral palsy, amputee)
 - Has a medically diagnosed Mental health conditions (Examples include but are not limited to: Depression, Anxiety)
 - Where a player is emotionally distressed and in need of additional support.

Note: This role is not a permanent match day role. It is to be used only when required, in times of genuine need and or distress.

Ongoing support from a Player Support Person

1. In circumstances where a player requires a permanent Player Support Person, approval must first be sought from the CEO of the YJFL. The request will be supported by relevant documentation. The CEO of the YJFL will grant approval after considering the circumstances and supporting documentation, using its absolute discretion.

On-field Player Support Person

1. In circumstances where a player requires an on-field support Player Support Officer, approval must first be sought from the CEO of the YJFL. The CEO may grant approval under special circumstances supported by medical reports.

Responsibilities of the Player Support Person

1. The Player Support Person must always abide by the YJFL rules and by-laws.
2. Any Player Support Person who breaches the YJFL rules and by-laws or act in a manner unbecoming risks sanctions (such sanctions apply to all other match day officials).
3. The Player Support Person role must not be used to fill other match day roles (Coaching, Trainer, Team Manager).
4. Misuse of the Player Support Person role may see clubs fined up to 50 penalty units.

Definitions:

Player Support Person means a person who is identified by wearing a league approved player support person bib