

REBEL SPORT JUNIOR PREMIER LEAGUE PLAYING RULES



1. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 1.1 All matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. No local rules will apply at any Rebel Sport Junior Premier League match.
- 1.2 The playing rules outlined below are in addition to those stipulated in the FIFA Laws of the Game. (www.fifa.com)
- 1.3 Football Queensland will ensure that every participating entity is issued with a copy of the Rebel Sport Junior Premier League Playing Rules. It is the Zone or Club Secretaries' responsibility to ensure the Manager of each competing team is given a copy of these rules.
- 1.4 Clubs, Players and Officials must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of Football Federation Australia and Football Queensland, including;
 - (a) National Registration Regulations;
 - (b) National Disciplinary Regulations;
 - (c) FFA Code of Conduct;
 - (d) Grievance Resolution Regulations;
 - (e) Member Protection Policy;
 - (f) Rebel Sport Junior Premier League Playing Rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

- 2.1 Football Queensland shall conduct a program in the following 'gender specific' age groups: Under 12, 13, 14 and 15 Males and in the Under 12, 14 and 16 Females. Zones must have competing teams in each age group unless exemption is obtained from Football Queensland.
- 2.2 Football Queensland may issue invitations to other organisations to compete that have similar interests to Football Queensland.
- 2.3 The Zone is permitted to nominate a maximum of 1 team in each age category unless exemption is obtained from Football Queensland.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 3.1 Players representing their Zone shall be registered Junior Players with a Club or Association affiliated with that Zone and must attain the respective age during the year the competition is held, unless exemption is obtained from Football Queensland.
- 3.2 Participating entities may nominate a maximum of sixteen (16) players for the age group squad for the season.
- 3.3 Zone based teams may also record a maximum of 5 shadow players on the Team Information Sheet at the start of the season who can be used in matches at anytime through the League season due to injuries or absences.
- 3.4 Players who participate in the Rebel Sport Junior Premier League are not eligible for inclusion in any Zones' Age State Cup team in the same calendar year (e.g. Gino Paris, Harry Linning and Peter Cox Cup).

4. PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Matches will be played at various locations and times as per the published draws. Any changes to the schedule must be arranged through Football Queensland.
- 4.2 Points awarded for each game will be:
- 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a draw
 - Nil points for a loss

5. APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION TO SCHEDULED MATCHES

- 5.1 Any application for alteration to the scheduled matches shall be in writing to Football Queensland at least ten (10) days prior to the date scheduled. Each request will be determined on its merits.

6. WET WEATHER PROCEDURE

- 6.1 If the Host Zone or Club considers that the field may be unplayable they must contact Football Queensland to arrange a ground inspection by a designated referee official. Host officials should be mindful of travelling time for opposing teams on that day and seek early inspections to save on unnecessary travel.
- 6.2 If due to wet weather, fixtures are cancelled, the competing teams will be notified and a notice posted on the Football Queensland website www.footballqueensland.com.au
- 6.3 Football Queensland will determine whether any postponed match will be rescheduled, giving consideration to the availability of playing venues, dates and travel logistics.

7. FACILITIES / GROUND CONDITIONS

- 7.1 All participating entities must take all reasonable steps to maintain its pitch in good condition throughout the season. Football Queensland may require an to take such steps as it may prescribe from time to time if it is not satisfied that the pitch is being maintained to an adequate and acceptable standard.
- 7.2 The host venue must ensure;
- The ground is correctly marked, including the technical area, in accordance with Law 1 of the FIFA Laws of the Game.
 - It provides suitable goal nets, safely fastened to the ground and corner flags;
 - It provides toilet and dressing room facilities for players and match officials that are hygienic and clean;
 - It has adequate refreshment / canteen facilities open to the public;
 - It provides a safe environment for players, officials and spectators.

8. TECHNICAL AREA

- 8.1 Each venue must have Technical Areas clearly marked as stipulated by FIFA guidelines and provide sufficient seating to allow all personnel to be seated during the match.
- 8.2 Occupants of the Technical Area must be either a registered Player or a registered Team Official and wear the appropriate accreditation at all times.

- 8.3 A Player or Team Official who is under suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.
- 8.4 Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions to the players during the match and he must return to his position after giving these instructions.
- 8.5 The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area, except in special circumstances, for example, a team physio or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
- 8.6 All substitutes must be seated within the technical area. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to the team strip.
- 8.7 All occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner. The referee has the right to eject any person from the technical area at any time as he/she sees fit. The game will not recommence until that person has left to the referee's satisfaction.
- 8.8 Smoking within the confines of the playing barrier fence is strictly prohibited. This includes the team bench within the technical area and all of its occupants.

9. MEDICAL

- 9.1. All host venues must provide spectator and player medical support service during scheduled matches.
- 9.2 Host venues must ensure the availability of at least one stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all fixtures. Clubs must ensure that stretchers are placed inside the barrier/fence in a safe and accessible position to first aid staff.
- 9.3 Unrestricted access to the field of play shall be provided for Ambulance vehicles when required and be clearly signed.
- 9.4 For safety reasons, water bottles are not to be thrown either on or off the field.
- 9.5 In the event a player suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood, the match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play and only when he/she is satisfied that the injury or wound is safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to rejoin the game.
- 9.6 In the event the player's uniform or attire is splattered with blood, the referee will instruct that player to change his attire before being permitted to rejoin the game. Should the injured player be required to change his uniform, then the match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if necessary.

10. TEAM OFFICIALS

- 10.1 All Team Officials must be registered with Football Queensland. Upon registration, Football Queensland will issue an Identification Card which must be worn when performing specified duties.
- 10.2 All Team Officials must conduct themselves in accordance with the FFA Code of Conduct.
- 10.3 Football Queensland may impose disciplinary action upon such persons, where it is found that Team Officials have breached the Code of Conduct.
- 10.4 Team Officials must remain within the Technical Area and are required to wear a Football Queensland Identification Card at all times. Team Officials not wearing the appropriate identification will not be permitted to be situated in the area during the match.

10.5 Team officials are responsible for ensuring players behave in an appropriate manner at all times before, during and after any game.

10.6 Team officials are not to argue or address any disagreements or comment direct to a referee. Any complaints should be directed to Football Queensland on club letterhead.

11. GROUND OFFICIALS

11.1 It is the responsibility of the host to provide at least two Ground Officials for all matches.

11.2 Ground Officials must be in clearly identifiable uniform and must identify themselves to the appointed match official prior to each match.

11.3 Ground Officials are to be visible at all times and one must be designated to provide an escort to all match officials before kick-off, at half time and full time.

12. MATCH DAY INFORMATION

- **Match Balls**

12.1. The Host Zone or Club is responsible for providing three (3) Match Balls for each field in operation. These balls will remain in the charge of the Referees' throughout the fixture day.

- **Playing Strips**

12.2 All clubs must nominate a "Home" and have available an "Alternate" strip. The alternate strip (shirts, shorts & socks) must differ in colour from their nominated "Home" strip.

12.3 In the event there is a clash of colours with the visiting team, it will be the responsibility of the home team to change into their alternative strip.

12.4 Goalkeepers may wear any colour provided it does not clash with either team or referee/assistants. **NB: Goalkeepers MUST wear licensed strips (no replica strips allowed).**

- **Player Equipment**

12.5 It is the match referee's responsibility to ensure all players taking the field of play are wearing equipment that is safe to themselves and other persons. All players must wear shin-guards whilst on the field of play.

- **Jewellery**

12.6 In accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game', a player is forbidden to wear any jewellery.

- **Playing Time and Match Ball Size**

12.7 The following will apply to all scheduled matches.

- Under 12 30 minutes each half – Size 4 Ball
- Under 12G 30 minutes each half – Size 4 Ball
- Under 13 30 minutes each half – Size 4 Ball
- Under 13G 30 minutes each half – Size 4 Ball

- Under 14 35 minutes each half – Size 5 Ball
- Under 14G 35 minutes each half – Size 5 Ball
- Under 15 35 minutes each half – Size 5 Ball
- Under 16G 35 minutes each half – Size 5 Ball
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- Ten (10) minutes half time break in all age groups.

13. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

- 13.1 For all Rebel Sport Junior Premier League matches any of the listed reserve players, to a maximum of five (5) players, may be replaced at any time during all fixtures for any reason, provided players who may be used as replacements are listed on the team sheet as such prior to the commencement of the game.
- 13.2 If replaced, a player may again resume play in that particular match. The player interchange can be made for the full allocated minutes per half.
- 13.3 Only players' names listed on the team sheet are permitted to take part in the match.
- 13.4 All substitutions can only occur at a break in play with the approval of the referee and must take place at the halfway line.

14. TEAM SHEETS, REFEREE SUMMARY SHEET AND SEND OFF/INCIDENT REPORT FORMS

- 14.1 On match day, both teams are required to complete an official team sheet. The team sheet must list all players taking part in the fixture and must be supplied to the match referee at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off. Officials must ensure that teams do not list more than sixteen (16) players on the team sheet for any fixture.
- 14.2 The duplicate (blue copy) can be exchanged between the two opposing Team Managers or from time to time State Selectors may ask for a copy. If this situation arises then you must give him/her your blue copy.
- 14.3 The remaining copy should remain in your book.
- 14.4 At the conclusion of each match, the referee shall consult and confirm with his/her assistants prior to completing all copies of the Team Sheets, Referee Summary Sheet and any Send Off/Incident Report Forms.
- 14.3 A Club Official must sign the team sheet once the referee has completed the Team Sheet.
- 14.4 It is the responsibility of the host zone or club to collect and return all 'Originals' (yellow copy from both teams) to Football Queensland before Tuesday of the following week.
- 14.5 The Host Zone or Club must report all of the day's results to Football Queensland no later than 10.00am on the Monday immediately following the fixture. Results can be emailed to wendya@footballqueensland.com.au or text messaged to 0423 714 504.
- 14.6 Team Sheets, Referee Summary Sheet & Send-Off/Incident Report Forms from the appointed match official will be accepted transcript.

15. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 15.1 These Disciplinary Rules are set by Football Queensland as the competition administrator of the Rebel Sport Junior Premier League, and supplement the National Disciplinary Regulations in accordance with clause 1.2 of those Regulations.

- **Sanctions**

- 15.2 The application of sanctions to be issued to Participants for direct red cards will be in accordance with the range of sanctions outlined in the National Disciplinary Regulations.
- 15.3 Where a Player receives an indirect red card, he will serve a Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) match.

15.4 A Player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the Competition must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:

(a) Four (4) yellow cards, equates to a one (1) match suspension;

(b) For every three (3) yellow cards thereafter, a two (2) match suspension.
(For example, two (2) match suspension for seven (7) yellow cards).

(c) Any player incurring two yellow cards in a single round of the Junior Premier League Regional Competition will be sanctioned by being suspended for the next match of that tournament. Any suspensions not served will carry over to the next applicable round.

- **Reports**

15.5 If the match referee cautions a player, this to be noted on the official team sheet.

15.6 If the match referee sends off a player, a send off report must be forwarded to the Competition Administrator (Football Queensland), with the offence to also be noted on the official team sheet.

- **Notification and Timeframes**

15.7 The imposition of a mandatory match suspension is immediate. For completeness, Football Queensland will send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through the Zone or Club) of the mandatory match suspension within five (5) days of the completion of the weekend. For the avoidance of doubt, the mandatory match suspension is effective regardless of whether or not the notice was received.

15.8 If Football Queensland has determined that an Offence by a Player or a Team Official was such as to warrant a sanction in addition to the mandatory match suspension, a further Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through the Zone or Club) of the details of the Offence and of the disciplinary sanction imposed will be forwarded within five (5) days of the completion of the weekend.

- **Appeals**

15.9 Except in the case of obvious error, there is no appeal from a mandatory match suspension.

15.10 A Player or a Team Official may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed by notifying Football Queensland within seven (7) days after the date on which the sanction was received by completing a Disciplinary Hearing Application and enclosing an Appeal Fee of \$50. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

15.11 An appeal from a disciplinary sanction will be heard by a Disciplinary Committee. When determining any appropriate sanction, a Disciplinary Committee may consider:

(a) The nature and severity of the infringement;

(b) The offender's past record and whether or not this is a repeated Offence;

(c) The culpability of the offender (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);

(d) Any reasons prompting a the offender to commit an infringement;

(e) The remorse of the offender; and

(f) Any extenuating circumstances.

- **Misconduct**

15.12 All instances of players, officials or teams conducting themselves in a manner contravening the rules of the competition, or behaving in an unseemly manner likely to bring the game into disrepute, shall be immediately investigated by Football Queensland for consideration and subsequent action.