# NORTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED 



## SCHEDULE 32: JUNIOR FOOTBALL RULES MATRICES

## Adopted May 2016

NFNL Schedule 32

| AGE GROUP | UNDER 9 \& GIRLS UNDER 10 | UNDER 10 | GIRLS UNDER 12-18 | UNDER 11-14 | UNDER 15-17.5 |
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| PHASE | Modified | Transition | Competition | Competition | Competition |
| Ground Size | $100 \mathrm{~m} \times 80 \mathrm{~m}$ OR Half the size of larger ovals | Smaller Ovals - Play full oval OR for Larger Ovals - Play $2 / 3$ oval (shorten width of each side of oval) | Full size | Full size | Full size |
| Zones | $\checkmark$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| Players on Ground | Max: 15 | Max: 18 | Max: 16 | Max: 18 | Max: 18 |
|  | Min: 9 | Min: 14 | Min: 12 | Min: 14 | Min: 14 |
| Maximum number of team players (Home and away) | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Maximum number of team players (FINALS) | N/A | N/A | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Evening Up Rule | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Football | Size 2 Synthetic | Size 2 Synthetic | U12-Size 3 Synthetic | U11-Size 3 Synthetic | U15/U16/U17.5 - Size 5 Leather |
|  |  |  | U14-Size 4 Synthetic | U12-Size 3 Leather |  |
|  |  |  | U16/U18 - Size 4 Leather | U13/U14-Size 4 Leather |  |
| Quarter Duration (mins) | 12 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 20 |
| Match Delay Policy Time Slot fixture allowed (mins) | 1h 15m | 1h 15 m | 1 h 30 m | 1h 30m | 1h 45m |
| Break Duration (mins) | 5-10-5 | 5-10-5 | 5-10-5 | 5-10-5 | 5-10-5 |
| Scoring \& Finals | No scores, ladders or finals | No scores, ladders or finals | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Results | No recording of best players or goal kickers | No recording of best players or goal kickers | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| League Best and Fairest | x | $\mathbf{x}$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Mercy Rule | N/A | N/A | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Coach Position | On-field | On-field | Bench | Bench | Bench |
| Umpires | Field: NFNL Appointed | Field: NFNL Appointed | Field: NFNL Appointed | Field: NFNL Appointed | Field: NFNL Appointed |
|  | Boundary: 0 | Boundary: 2 (Club) | Boundary: 2 (Club) | Boundary: 2 (Club) | Boundary: 2 (Club) |
|  | Goal: 2 (Club) | Goal: 2 (Club) | Goal: 2 (Club) | Goal: 2 (Club) | Goal: 2 (Club) |
| Tackling | Modified | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Bumping | x | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Stealing | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Barging | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Smothering | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Shepherding | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Fending | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Bouncing | 1 max | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Deliberate Kicking Off Ground | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Marking (m) | Any distance | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Marking | Genuine attempt (2 hands) | Shows control | As per laws of the game | As per laws of the game | As per laws of the game |
| Playing On | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Advantage | $\underline{x}$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Ball-ups | Nominated players of equal size / must tap | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Boundary Throw-ins | $\mathbf{x}$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Behind Scored | Ball returned to centre | Kick in | Kick in | Kick in | Kick in |
| Penalty Distance ( m ) | 10 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Deliberate Out of Bounds | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Deliberate Rushed Behind | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Yellow Card | 15 minutes can be replaced | 15 minutes can be replaced | 15 minutes can be replaced | 15 minutes can be replaced | 15 minutes can be replaced |
| Red Card | Remainder of match - can be replaced | Remainder of match - can be replaced | Remainder of match - can be replaced | Remainder of match - can be replaced | Remainder of match - can be replaced |
| Coaches Box White Card Penalties | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |

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