



WFA 2014 HOME & AWAY SEASON AGE DIVISION RULES

All Age Divisions (excluding Developmental Age Divisions):

FIFA – Law 3: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A Match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.

In special circumstances, a player may apply for an exemption e.g. returning from injury.

All Eligibility is subject to the conditions as laid down by the AWFA Ready Reckoner.

Division 1 Men:

- Game times shall be 45 minutes each half plus added time for injuries as determined by the referee [Rule 3.5.7];
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Substitution rule applies for this age group [Rule 3.5.2];
- Women are allowed to play in Division 1 Men at the discretion of the AWFA Executive. Clubs must seek prior approval [Rule 3.3.11];
- A player **MUST** have played a total of **FIVE GAMES** in Division 1 Men during the entire season to be eligible to play in Division 1 Men's Cup games [Rule 4.2.1];
- Any eligible player aged under 18 years who plays in the Division 1 Men or Division 1 Women, will be ineligible to play back in any junior age group Cup Competition if they have played less than 70% of the scheduled games for that age group in that season [Rule 3.3.9];

Division 2 Men:-

- Game times shall be 45 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7];
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Interchange rule applies for this age group [Rule 3.5.7];
- Women are allowed to play in Division 2 Men at the discretion of the AWFA Executive. Clubs must seek prior approval [Rule 3.3.11];
- A player **MUST** have played a total of **FIVE GAMES** in Division 2 Men during the entire season to be eligible to play in Division 2 Men's Cup games [Rule 4.2.3];
- A Division 2 player **MUST NOT** have been on the team sheet of Division 1 Men for more than 5 games during the second half of the season to be eligible to play the remaining Division 2 Men League and Cup games with exception to this rule being the Goal Keeper [Rule 4.2.4];
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Division 3 Men:

- Game times shall be 35 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7];
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Interchange rule applies for this age group [Rule 3.5.7];
- A player **MUST** have played **FIVE GAMES** during the season in this age group to be eligible for Division 3 Men's Cup games [Rule 4.2.10];
- A maximum of **4 All Age Players** are permitted per game [Rule 4.2.11];
- Only **3 Approved All Age Players** are permitted to be on the pitch at the one time [Rule 4.2.13];
- Eligibility of Over 35 players in Division 3 games will not be affected by the number of games played in Division 1 or 2 grades [Rule 4.2.12];
- Women are allowed to play in Division 3 Men at the discretion of the AWFA Executive. Clubs must seek prior approval [Rule 3.3.11];
- All age players to be identified on the team sheet (OA) and by an arm-band which must be worn whilst on the field [Rule 4.2.14];
- Once an all age player (Age 18 at 1st January has been named for a combined total of **FIVE GAMES** on Division 1 or Division 2 team sheets (**each game = 1 game**) they are ineligible to play in Division 3 with exception to this rule being the Goal Keeper [Rule 4.2.15];
- Fines will be applied for not identifying over age players on the team sheet and on the field of play [Rule 4.2.16]

Over 35 Men:-

- Game times shall be 35 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7];
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Interchange rule applies for this age group [Rule 3.5.7];
- Only **3 approved UNDER AGE PLAYERS** are permitted to be on the pitch at the same time (max of 4 on the team sheet) [4.2.34];
- Under age players must be identified on the team sheet (UA) and by an arm-band which must be worn whilst on the field [Rule 4.2.32];
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- **DIVISION 1 PLAYERS** are **INELIGIBLE** to play Over 35 Men [4.2.33];
- An Over 35 player must not have been on the team sheet of Division 2 men for more than 5 games in the second half of the season to be eligible to play the remaining Over 35 League and Cup games with exception to this rule being the goal keeper. [4.2.30];



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- Fines will be applied for not identifying under age players on the team sheet and on the field of play [Rule 4.2.34].

Division 1 Women:-

- Game times shall be 45 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7];
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Men are allowed to play in Division 1 Women at the discretion of the AWFA Executive [Rule 3.3.11];
- Interchange rule applies to this age group [Rule 3.5.7];
- A player **MUST** have played a total of **FIVE GAMES** in Division 1 Women during the entire season to be eligible to play in Division 1 Women's Cup games [Rule 4.2.5];
- Any eligible player aged under 18 years who plays in the Division 1 Men or Division 1 Women, will be ineligible to play back in any junior age group Cup Competition if they have played less than 70% of the scheduled games for that age group in that season [Rule 3.3.9];

Division 2 Women:- Development Age Group

- Game time shall be 35 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7];
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Interchange rule applies to this age group [Rule 3.5.];
- Men are allowed to play in Division 2 Women at the discretion of the AWFA Executive [Rule 3.3.11];
- A player **MUST** have played a total of **FIVE GAMES** in Division 2 Women during the entire season to be eligible to play in Division 2 Women's Cup games [Rule 4.2.6];
- Any eligible player aged under 18 years who plays in the Division 1 Men or Division 1 Women, will be ineligible to play back in any junior age group Cup Competition if they have played less than 70% of the scheduled games for that age group in that season [Rule 3.3.9];
- A Division 2 player must not have been on the team sheet of Division 1 Women for more than 5 games during the second half of the season to be eligible to play the remaining Division 2 Women League and Cup games with exception to this rule being the Goal Keeper [Rule 4.2.8];
- As a 'Development Age Division' for the season, the Division 2 Women will play with numbers as determined by the team with the least number of players as per the team sheet e.g. if one team has 13 players on the team sheet and the other team has 9 players on the team sheet, both teams shall have 9 players on the field' [Rule 4.3.2];



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- A team with a majority of players is able to interchange all players even if the number of additional players exceeds 5 [Rule 4.3.3].
- Clubs with both D1W and D2W provide full player lists **MUST** (2 weeks prior to the commencement of the season) nominate 7 women who cannot play back in D2W. The nominated players will be approved by a joint decision of senior women coaches from all other clubs with both senior women's grades.[4.3.4]

Under 16's:-

- Game time shall be 35 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7];
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- A player **MUST** have played **FIVE GAMES** during the season in this age group to be eligible for Under 16 Cup games [Rule 4.2.17];
- Any eligible player aged under 18 years who plays in the Division 1 Men or Division 1 Women, will be ineligible to play back in any junior age group Cup Competition if they have played less than 70% of the scheduled games for that age group in that season [Rule 3.3.9];

Under 14's:-

- Game time shall be 30 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7].
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- A player **MUST** have played **FIVE GAMES** during the season in this age group to be eligible for Under 14 Cup games [Rule 4.2.18];

Under 13's:-

- Game time shall be 30 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7].
- Size 4 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- A player **MUST** have played **FIVE GAMES** during the season in this age group to be eligible for Under 13 Cup games [Rule 4.2.19];

Under 12's:-

- Game time shall be 25 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7].
- Size 4 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Corner kicks to be taken from 8 yards outward from the 18 yard line on the goal line [Rule 4.2.20];



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- A player **MUST** have played **FIVE GAMES** during the season in this age group to be eligible for Under 12 Cup games [Rule 4.2.21].

Under 11's:-

- Game time shall be 25 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7].
- Size 4 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Corner kicks to be taken from 8 yards outward from the 18 yard line on the goal line [Rule 4.2.20];
- A player **MUST** have played **FIVE GAMES** during the season in this age group to be eligible for Under 11 Cup games [Rule 4.2.35].

Under 17 Girls: - Development Age Group

- Game times shall be 35 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7]
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7].
- Interchange rule applies to this age group [Rule 3.5.7];
- A player **MUST** have played a total of **FIVE GAMES** in Under 17 Girls during the entire season to be eligible to play in the Under 17 Girls Cup games [Rule 4.2.22];
- **No over age players allowed** [Rule 4.2.23]
- Any eligible player aged under 18 years who plays in the Division 1 Men or Division 1 Women, will be ineligible to play back in any junior age group Cup Competition if they have played less than 70% of the scheduled games for that age group in that season [Rule 3.3.9];
- As a 'Development Age Division' for the season, the U17 girls will play with numbers as determined by the team with the least number of players as per the team sheet e.g. if one team has 13 players on the team sheet and the other team has 9 players on the team sheet, both teams shall have 9 players on the field [Rule 4.3.2];
- A team with a majority of players is able to interchange all players even if the number of additional players exceeds 5 [Rule 4.3.3]

Under 14 Girls:- Development Age Group

- Game times shall be 30 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.8].
- Size 5 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.8];
- Interchange rule applies to this age group [Rule 3.5.8];
- Full corner kicks shall be taken [Rule 4.2.26];
- Goal kicks shall be taken from the within the 6 yard box [Rule 4.2.27];



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- As a 'Development Age Division' for the season, the U14 girls will play with numbers as determined by the team with the least number of players as per the team sheet e.g. if one team has 13 players on the team sheet and the other team has 9 players on the team sheet, both teams shall have 9 players on the field [Rule 4.3.2];
- A team with a majority of players is able to interchange all players even if the number of additional players exceeds 5 [Rule 4.3.3]
- A player **MUST** have played a total of **FIVE GAMES** in Under 14 Girls during the entire season to be eligible to play in the Under 14 Girls Cup games [Rule 4.2.26];

Under 12 Girls – Development Age Group

- Game times shall be 25 minutes each half [Rule 3.5.7].
- Size 4 ball shall be used [Rule 3.5.7];
- Corner kicks to be taken from 8 yards outward from the 18 yard line on the goal line [Rule 4.2.27];
- Goal kicks shall be taken adjacent to the penalty spot and in line with the edge of the six yard box [Rule 4.2.28];
- As a 'Development Age Division' for the season, the U12 girls will play with numbers as determined by the team with the least number of players as per the team sheet e.g. if one team has 13 players on the team sheet and the other team has 9 players on the team sheet, both teams shall have 9 players on the field [Rule 4.3.2];
- A team with a majority of players is able to interchange all players even if the number of additional players exceeds 5 [Rule 4.3.3].
- A player **MUST** have played a total of **FIVE GAMES** in Under 12 Girls during the entire season to be eligible to play in the Under 12 Girls Cup games [Rule 4.2.29];