

UNDER 11 TRANSITION GAMES

Transition games are a useful way of introducing team officials, parents/spectators and players to the realm of Under 12's BEFORE it becomes important for their first year in divisional football – in this case 2017. Every one of those categories has new 'rules' imposed on them.

The following details the changes that will be experienced in Under 12's. Most of these will be enforced during the Transition Games. (However the use of yellow and red cards will not be enforced unless the infringement is deemed to be warranted. The referee may instruct the coach to "time out" the player) Referees will instruct the teams at the time of fouls and rule infringements.

The following indicate what will apply next season and where practicable, in these transition games:

Coach

Where there is a dugout, the coach and reserve players MUST stay within the confines of the technical area at all times except where mentioned below. Next year, Team Officials MUST wear their Team Official ID Tag – fines will be imposed and team officials may be evicted from the technical area. Reserves MUST wear a bib and remain seated unless warming up which must be conducted away from the opposition dugout/benches.

The coach or manager must escort a reserve player to the substitution area (1m x 1m box at the half way line) and wait for the referee to permit the substitution (the linesman will signal the referee). The player to be substituted MUST LEAVE the field at the half way line BEFORE the reserve player takes the field. Play will start as soon as the reserve player enters the field NOT when the player is in position so substitutions need to be logical and tactical (ie do not replace a defender on the far side of the park when the opposition have a free kick right in front or a corner)

If the goalkeeper is changed at half time, the coach/manager/captain MUST notify the referee BEFORE the start of the second half. If not, the new keeper and the replaced keeper will BOTH receive yellow cards. Changes to the goalkeeper during a match are OK as the referee has seen this change take place. Managers should check that the Match Sheet has been noted to reflect the change. Please note: Managers must attend a meeting prior to the start of next season to learn what's required.

If a player receives a RED card (unlikely but not unheard of), the player must leave the field and cannot be replaced. The player must remove his jersey and cannot sit in the dugout or near the dugout. The suspension to be imposed on the player will be advised by Football Brisbane during the next week. The player may also need to front the Club's disciplinary committee.

Limited coaching is allowed from the technical box. The Club prefers a pre-game talk from the coach, a half-time talk and a wrap up after the game. The players need to learn to play the game themselves and by the time the instruction is shouted, the child hears it and registers it and then tries to implement it, the moment has gone and it is then inappropriate. Only one team official may stand in the technical area at any one time.

If a player is injured, the referee will indicate permission for ONE team official to attend to the player. The player (unless the goalkeeper) will

then need to leave the field and the referee will indicate to the player when he may re-enter the field.

Remember that penalties, direct and indirect free kicks and off-side rules WILL apply. Drop balls also apply if play is halted before the ball is out of play eg for an injury.

Teams play for points (from U12's+) and the right to contest the finals series. A win is worth 3 points, a draw is worth 1 point and a loss is worth 0 points.

Team Officials MUST NOT question the referee's/assistant referees' decisions by words or gestures/actions.

Manager

For future reference: The match sheet is now completed online with printed copies handed to referees prior to the match. This and other items will be discussed at a pre-season Managers' Meeting. The important thing is that the jersey numbers match the players' names (if a player is carded, it is the player next to the jersey number that cops the card not the actual player if this is different to the number). The match sheet and referees fees must be to the referee at least 15 minutes BEFORE the scheduled start of the game. The home club is responsible for supplying the match balls (not the team). It is important to stress to the teams that they should be prepared to supply a linesman and/or the referee as not all games are covered by Football Brisbane referees due to a severe shortage.

After the game, each manager must report to the referees room ASAP. They should check the score on the match sheet. Then and only then should they sign the match sheet. DO NOT sign the match sheet before the game as you are agreeing to the referees recorded results.

Managers should also check that the correct people have been assigned yellow and red cards (if applicable). Now is the time to question the recorded recipient.

The home team is responsible for entering the results into the Sporting Pulse website. Each team is responsible for sending an electronic copy of the signed match sheet to Football Brisbane. The match sheets are placed in the match sheet slot in the clubhouse at the next training session. Again, these procedures are detailed at the pre-season Managers' Meeting.

If the manager is sitting in the dugout, they MUST wear their Team Official ID Tag – fines will be imposed and the manager can be evicted from the technical area.

For all home games whether on Field 1 or Field 2, the manager is to ensure that a responsible adult over the age of 18 (not the coach or the manager) wears the Grounds Official jacket supplied to each team. The person should also be aware of their duties which are outlined at the Managers' Meeting.

Parents/Spectators

At NO time are parents/spectators allowed to sit in the technical area (unless they're Team Officials with official ID Tags). This includes younger siblings.

At NO time are parents/spectators allowed to enter the field when a player is injured. The team officials (one only) are allowed to attend to the player and ONLY AFTER the referee has indicated permission.

For fenced fields (like our Field 1 and Field 2), no spectators are allowed to sit within the fenceline.

Referees and grounds officials have the right to escort spectators from the field if their behaviour warrants.

Referees can (and have) abandoned games because the crowd got out of control. There is NO guarantee that these games will be replayed. The game may be deemed to have been lost by both teams ie neither team is awarded any points for the game.

Nobody is permitted to stand/sit behind either 18 yard boxes.

Parents and Spectators should refrain from coaching and offering advice from the sidelines. This can confuse the players and often contradicts what their coach has asked them to do. Also, they should refrain from commenting on the referee's abilities. The view that a referee has of any incident is very different from that of spectators. Also, players tend to mimic what they hear and this can result in the player being carded for dissent.

Goalkeeper Has 6 seconds to release the ball once he has control of the ball (in his hands). In that 6 seconds, he can move anywhere within the 18 yard box.

If the Goalkeeper handles the ball outside the 18 yard box, they are treated as a normal field player and the normal infringement occurs ie hand ball. In this case, a direct free kick would be awarded to the opposition.

For a penalty, he cannot move forward off the line but may move sideways along the line (before the ball is kicked).

Goalkeepers are not permitted to pick up the ball from a pass back from their own team. An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team. He can pick the ball up if his player has headed or chested the ball back to him.

An indirect free kick can also be awarded if the goalkeeper touches the ball with his hands after it has been released from his possession and has not touched any other player. Try and discourage goalkeepers from bouncing the ball when they have control of the ball as some referees will penalise them for it.

Players Off side rule, penalties and direct free kicks are a new experience and ones that will take quite some time to get used to!!!! Players are not allowed to call 'mine' but must use their name. Keepers are allowed to call 'keeper'. The penalty is an indirect free kick. Swearing will incur a 'red' card and at least 1 – 4 weeks suspension.

No second chances are given for infringements with throw-ins. The ball is automatically given to the other team. The exception is if the ball does not enter the field of play.

With penalties, one attacking player is to be nominated (at the time) as the penalty taker. All other players (excluding the defending goalkeeper) are to remain outside the 18 yard box and the 'D' and be

no closer to the goal line than the penalty spot. Players may only move into the 18 yard box and the 'D' after the ball is kicked.

Players (and reserve players on the bench) **MUST NOT** question the referee's/assistant referees' decisions by words or gestures/actions. This may be as simple as yelling out 'What?' after a decision the player disputes!!