

RDJFNL UNDER 10 MODIFIED RULES AND GAMEPLAY

No scoring

Under 10's do not score and do not play for premiership points. The scoreboard is not to be operated and this should be enforced by convening with the ground manager or umpire escorts. Note clubs are still required to provide a goal umpire to adjudicate scores.

No 'Best and Fairest' voting

Under 10's do not have a best and fairest competition and therefore there is no requirement for umpires to award votes.

Marking – any distance kick allows a mark to be paid

A mark is paid irrespective of the distance the ball has travelled to any player. Players must still fully control the ball for a mark to be paid.

Kicking off the ground – not permitted

A player who intentionally kicks the ball off the ground will be penalised with a free kick to the opposition. Note accidental kicking off the ground is allowed.

Free kick/signal: Kicking in danger

Bouncing – only 1 permitted

Players must only take one bounce whilst in possession of the ball. If a second bounce is taken pay a free kick to the opposition.

Free kick/signal: Running too far

Contact to an opponent without possession – incidental only

Players must not push, hold or barge an opponent without the ball unless the contact is incidental in their effort to gain possession. A fair hip and shoulder or shepherd is allowed provided it isn't rough or malicious and the opponent could reasonably expect to receive the contact.

Free kick/signal: Push or sling

Contact to an opponent with possession – legal tackle only

Players can perform legal tackles but are not permitted to take their opponent to ground. Also pay a free kick against any player who pushes or barges an opponent with the ball. There is no limit to the number of players who can tackle the same opponent at the same time provided it is legal and not rough or malicious.

Free kick/signal: Push or sling

Intentionally falling to ground when being tackled – not permitted

A player must not intentionally drop their knees when being tackled in an attempt to draw a free kick. Penalise players who do this with a free kick to the tackler.

Free kick/signal: Holding the ball

Stealing or smothering – not permitted

A player must not steal the ball off an opponent or smother the ball during their attempt to kick or handball.

Free kick/signal: Stealing or smothering motion

Grabbing the ball out of the ruck and playing on – not permitted

A player must not grab the ball and play-on from any ruck contest. If this occurs re-play the contest by balling it up again or asking the boundary umpire to throw the ball in again.

10m penalty

Normal rules apply when awarding penalties for time wasting or undisciplined behaviour however the distance is 10 metres.