



Metro North Region
(Claremont, Subiaco & West Perth DFDCs)

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Northern Conference Local By-Law Amendment: Time On

Audience: Junior Competition Committee, Junior Club Committees, Coaches and Team Managers
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Summary:

- *The clock does not stop under any circumstances except in the event of a headcount, where a field umpire will clearly instruct the timekeeper to "Stop the clock".*
- *Inclusion of AFL Law 10.6.2 (b&c) that clearly states that play will not resume after 30 minutes of being stopped.*

Action:

- *Umpire coaches – pass on relevant information to umpiring groups.*
- *Club Committees – pass on information to Coaches and Managers.*
- *Competition Directors – pass on information to JCC Executive and other relevant stakeholders*

Purpose

To inform Northern Conference junior football stakeholders of an immediate change relating to match day protocols regarding stretchers, the stopping of time and match day results. Please note this change does not require an alteration game day processes for teams, this only affects operations for umpire and time keepers.

Bylaw 25.1 Amendment

- a) No time on may be added to any game, except in the event of a headcount where the timekeeper will be clearly instructed by the field umpire to "stop the clock".
- b) If play does not recommence within 30 minutes of being stopped, AFL Law 10.6.2 will apply and play will not be resumed;
 - i) Prior to Half Time: If the Match is unable to recommence within a 30-minute period, the Match shall be deemed to be drawn and the scores of the Teams at the time the Match was interrupted shall be used in calculating the percentage of each Team. [AFL LAW 10.6.2 (b)]
 - ii) Half Time & Beyond: If the Match is unable to recommence within a 30-minute period, the scores of the Teams at the time the Match was interrupted shall be deemed to be the final scores of the Match. The Team with the highest score shall be deemed the winner of the Match and the scores shall be used in calculating the percentage of each Team. [AFL LAW 10.6.2 (c)]

Bylaw 31.13 Amendment

The clock will continue to run and play shall only recommence once the injured player is safely removed from the playing surface. The Northern Conference Local By-Law 25.1 amendment shall apply.



- a) In the event that in the time taken to attend the injured player, the game reaches the normal quarter time, half time or three quarter time break; time will be called and play will recommence at the next quarter if the injured player has been safely removed from the playing surface.
- b) If the stretcher has been called for by an authorised person, then the player will be removed from the playing field via the most direct route for play to recommence and the injured player may be replaced through the interchange.
- c) Only authorised persons are permitted to enter the field of play and no team meetings or coaching is permitted during this time. Players must remain in their positions ready for recommencement of play.
- d) Should a coach enter the field of play during a stretcher call and in the opinion of the umpire was doing so in order to provide instruction a free kick will be awarded to the opposing side in front of goal at the end of the 10-metre square. (This rule will not apply if the quarter break becomes enforced).
- e) Should both teams' coaches enter the field of play for the purpose of giving instruction, play will resume as would be the case under the rules of the game and both teams will have a fine imposed at the discretion of the JCC Executive.

If you require any further information regarding this change, please contact your District Competition Director.

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