

WAFC POL.15C Match Operations Policy: Match Duration

GENERAL INFORMATION

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POLICY BACKGROUND

This document outlines the duration of Junior & Youth matches controlled by the WAFC, including the length of time between quarters and any rules surrounding time on/extra time.

RULES

1. MATCH DURATION	
1a	As per the WAFC Competition Rules, the length of match duration for all Junior & Youth Matches controlled by the WAFC shall be as follows: Year 3 – Year 6: 4x 15-minute quarters Year 7 – Year 8: 4x 15-minute quarters Female Year 9 – Year 11: 4x 15-minute quarters Male Year 9 – Year 12: 4x 20-minute quarters
2. TIME ON/EXTRA TIME	
2a	No time on may be added to any game, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If the field umpire suspends play (by blowing their whistle and indicating to the Time Keeper with both hands above their head in the shape of a “T”) due to a player sustaining an injury that requires the use of a stretcher or that the Umpire considers serious. ii. If the field umpire suspends play in the event of any Order Off offence committed by a player or official. iii. If a Captain approaches the field umpire to request a head count. iv. If in the opinion of the field umpire, exceptional circumstances are warranted.
3. INTERVALS	
3a	The maximum times allowed for intervals between quarters in all age groups are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. First quarter interval shall be not more than five minutes. ii. Half time interval shall be not more than ten minutes. iii. Three quarter time intervals shall be not more than five minutes. iv. Upon a second warning from the umpire, if a team has not made an acceptable effort to take the field, the umpire shall award a free kick to the opposing team. Should both teams be offending the umpire will pay a free kick to the 1st returning team. v. In addition, if any team is deemed by the Umpire to be in breach this rule, the coach(s) of the offending team(s) shall be reported for engaging in time wasting.
4. FINALS	
4a	Should the final scores of both teams in any final round match, including the Grand Final, be equal at the end of the time allocated for the match, such match shall be extended by two additional periods of five minutes with no time on, in which the teams shall change ends and kick to either end of the ground alternatively.
4b	Should the scores still be tied at the end of these addition periods the team captains will decide which team will kick to which end of the ground by the toss of a coin and play will then resume until one team scores and that team shall be declared the winner.

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4c	At the end of the game there will be a two-minute break between fulltime and the commencement of the extra time. (Coaches are allowed on the field at this time).
4d	After the completion of the first five minutes of extra time, teams are required to change ends with no break. Coaches and officials are not permitted to be on the field during this time.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Rules & Regulations

WAFC Competition Rules

AFL Laws of Australian Football