



## **2020 South-East Queensland Juniors – Guiding Principle POST COVID-19**

AFL Queensland continues to work in consultation with State and Federal Government and medical authorities to ensure our game can recommence as soon as possible. Our number 1 priority for 2020 remains the health and safety of all our members to ensure it is safe to return to play.

Over the past 2 months, we have been working with stakeholders on competition modelling including start and finish dates, competition structures and alternative competition formats. The below information will provide our SEQ Junior stakeholders with guidelines for the recommencement of community football following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to this unprecedented event, we have needed to make several changes to our competition format/structure. To assist us with the decision making for the recommencement of AFLQ SEQ Junior competition the following Guiding Principles have been used;

- (i) Adherence to all level of Government advice and policies.
- (ii) Keeping our participants, volunteers and official's health and safety as the number one priority.
- (iii) Maximising participation by localising competitions and providing non-traditional fixturing and competitions.

### ***Competition Structure***

Considering the current Government Restrictions (including travel restrictions and border closures) and to ease the burden on families, the SEQ Juniors will revert to a more localised competition format for all SEQ Junior competitions for 2020. Therefore, the newly formed Conference/Community Youth competition structure will not occur in 2020.

Competitions will be based on regional competition boundaries but AFLQ will be flexible, dependent on team nominations and endeavour to work with clubs to ensure a positive outcome for all teams.

Competitions will begin no earlier than Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> and be completed by no later than Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Games will be played through the September school holidays.

While at this stage it is our intention to have a Final Format, currently the format is TBC, dependent on the ability to host a quality experience while adhering to all Government's Policies and Procedures at that time.

Over the coming weeks we will work with all clubs regarding the competition format/structure prior to announcing final fixtures and format at least 2 weeks prior to the season recommencing.

### ***Team Nominations***

AFLQ is considerate of clubs that may need to change their team nominations for the 2020 season. In preparation for return to train/play clubs should begin to reach out to their players and coaches to get confirmation of returning numbers and review the teams previously nominated. We will advise a date in the coming weeks when we will need to be advised of final team nominations for the 2020 season so we can begin restructuring



the fixtures. Clubs should also use this preparation period to obtain proof of age documents for any pending registrations and ensure all coaches and assistant coaches complete their coach.afl requirements for the 2020 season.

**Structure – best case scenario (DRAFT)**

Below is an example of how the SEQ Junior competition structure may look if we are able to recommence from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Term week	OPTIONS INCLUDING OPERATING TO 18TH OCTOBER 2020 Weekend - Fri, Sat, Sun	Youth - With Finals - Community	Footy4Fun	Youth - with NO Finals - Community
3				
4	Sunday, 17 May 2020			
5	Sunday, 24 May 2020			
6	Sunday, 31 May 2020			
7	Sunday, 7 June 2020			
8	Sunday, 14 June 2020			
9	Sunday, 21 June 2020			
10	Sunday, 28 June 2020	-	-	-
H	Sunday, 5 July 2020	-	-	-
H	Friday 10 July, Saturday 11 July & Sunday 12 July 2020	1	1	1
1	Friday 17 July, Saturday 18 July & Sunday 19 July 2020	2	2	2
2	Friday 24 July 2020, Saturday 25 July 2020 & Sunday 26 July 2020	3	3	3
3	Friday 31 July, Saturday 1 August & Sunday 2 August 2020	4	4	4
4	Friday 7 August, Saturday 8 August & Sunday 9 August 2020	5	5	5
5	Friday 14 August, Saturday 15 August & Sunday 16 August 2020	6	6	6
6	Friday 21 August, Saturday 22 August & Sunday 23 August 2020	7	7	7
7	Friday 28 August, Saturday 29 August & Sunday 30 August 2020	8	8	8
8	Friday 4 September, Saturday 5 September & Sunday 6 September 2020	9	9	9
9	Friday 11 September, Saturday 12 September & Sunday 13 September 2020	10	10	10
10	Friday 18 September, Saturday 19 September & Sunday 30 September 2020	11	11	11
H	Friday 25 September, Saturday 26 September & Sunday 27 September 2020	12	12	12
H	Friday 2 October, Saturday 3 October & Sunday 4 October 2020	13	13	13
1	Friday 9 October, Saturday 10 October & Sunday 11 October 2020	F1	14	14
2	Friday 16 October, Saturday 17 October & Sunday 18 October 2020	F2		15

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