

# WHITFORD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - AUSKICK RULES FLOWCHART

Playing field	Ground size for PP and Yr1: 32m x 20m. Ground size for Yr2: 46m x 20m. There are no zones and players can move around the whole field. If you feel the ground is too big as player numbers are low, consult with the opposition coach and move the goals in slightly. Please do not move the goals apart as the sizes stated here are maximum sizes.
The teams	Ideally teams should have equal numbers, however if one team has one extra player (eg 7 v6), that is fine. If one team has 8 and the other team has 6, then teams should be evened up to 7v7 by borrowing players. Any borrowed players should rotate each half.
Start of play and after a goal	Ball up in the middle of the ground between 2 players of roughly equal size. Players must tap the ball to a team mate (not to themselves) or to ground. They cannot take clean possession from the ruck.
Scrimmage	If a player dives on the ball, the umpire shall stop play and award a free kick to the nearest opponent. As players approach the loose ball, call 'stay on your feet' to remind them.
Out of Bounds	If the ball is kicked or handballed out of bounds, award a free kick to the nearest opponent. If the ball comes off hands, is fumbled over the boundary, bring the ball 5m in from the boundary for a ball up.
Tackling, bumping, barging	Players cannot tackle or knock the ball out of an opponents hands. No deliberate bumping. No barging, fending off or chopping of arms.
Stealing, smothering, harassing	Once a players has two hands on the ball on the ground they are deemed to have possession of the ball. Smothering and harassing are not permitted. Players must back away and allow the player to dispose of the ball.
Mark	A reasonable attempt to catch the ball irrespective of the distance travelled shall be deemed a mark. No standing on the mark. No playing on from a mark or free kick. The player must dispose of the ball from the spot they took the mark.
Bouncing the ball	A player is permitted to bounce the ball on once. Bouncing of the ball should be discouraged especially if the player's intention is to get closer to goal to have a shot for goal. On the small grounds, players should look to pass to team mates rather than bounce.
Kicking off the ground	No soccering the ball off the ground.
Coaches	Coaches are permitted on the ground to each and assist players.
Umpires	Parent umpires should umpire games, with coaches taking on the role of teaching and encouraging players of both teams during the grid games.
Sharing the ball	Ensure that all players are engaged in the game. If there are players who are struggling to gain possession of the ball, encourage other players to pass the ball to them. Give these players free kicks when the ball goes out of bounds, allow them to kick in from behinds, or just award them a free kick for no reason at all. Ideally, players should not kick multiple goals until all their team mates have kicked a goal in the game. This may not always be possible. Praise players who bring their team mates into the game.