

2021 By-Law Variation Matrix

	Girls					Mixed						Boys		
	10	12 (Excluding Div 1)	14 (Including U12 Girls Div 1)	16	18	8	9 & 10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Regulations														
Ground size	Modified (approved)	Modified (approved)	Standard	Standard	Standard	Modified (approved)	Modified (approved)	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
# players on ground	12	12 (15)	16 (18)	16 (18)	16 (18)	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	16 (18)	16 (18)
Ball type	Syn only	Syn only	Syn/Leather	Leather	Leather	Syn only	Syn only	Syn / Leather	Syn / Leather	Leather	Leather	Leather	Leather	Leather
Ball size	2	3	3	4	4	2	2	3	3	4	4	full size	full size	full size
Quarter duration (mins)	10	12	15	15	17	10	12	15	15	15	15	20	20	20
Break length	3-6-3	3-6-3	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-6-3	3-6-3	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-10-5	3-10-5	3-10-5
1/4 - 1/2 - 3/4 time	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scoreboard	Yes (not published)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes (not published)	Yes (not published)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Best & Fairest/Goals	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finals	Lightning Carnival	✓	✓	✓	✓	Lightning Carnival	Lightning Carnival	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laws														
Tackling	Modified	Modified	✓	✓	✓	Modified	Modified	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bumping	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stealing the ball	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barging	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smothering	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fending off	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shepherding	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bouncing the ball	1 max	1 max	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	1 max	1 max							
Kicking off the ground	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	*	*					
Ball ups	Nominated players of equal size	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nominated players of equal size	Nominated players of equal size	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Throw-ins	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Distance over which marks are paid	0m (reasonable attempt)	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	15m	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	15m	15m	15m	15m	15m	15m	15m
Distance penalty	10m	10m	25m	25m	25m	10m	10m	25m	25m	25m	25m	25m	50m	50m
Play on whilst advancing	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zones	✓	✓	*	*	*	✓	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Deliberate out of bounds	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Deliberately rushed behind	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wait for flag after point	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Set playing positions	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Umpires														
# field umpires	Club Appointed (2)	Club Appointed (2)	2	2	2	Club Appointed (2)	Club Appointed (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Boundary umpires*	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Where no SMJFL Boundary Umpire is appointed, the field umpire will conduct a ball up 10 metres inside the field of play adjacent to where the ball crossed the line.
All of these changes were made in 2019/20, except distance over which marks are paid in 18 Girls.