

SOUTH PERTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYER ROTATION POLICY – EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (Rev 1/10/2018)



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The on-field rotation of players is a policy developed to enhance the participation and skill development of all players in Year 3 – Year 12 competitions.

The rotation of all players through a variety of positions in a game and season is designed to allow players to experience the skills and roles required in different positions, and to ensure all players are provided with equal opportunity.

The policy states that every player in a team should play at least half a game, and that no player should spend more than half a game in any one position. Further, every player should experience playing on each of the five lines of field position over a three match period.

The Australian Football Match Policy document clearly states that to ensure all players feel an essential part of the team, regardless of their age, size, sex, ability or the competition they are playing in, it is critical they have an equal amount of time on the field during the season. This will keep players in the game and reduce the likelihood of them leaving to pursue other sports. It also satisfies parents expectations that their child will be given a fair go. It is recommended that all coaches keep records of weekly game time of each player to ensure each has had equal time. There are also a number of IT programs or Apps available that can support coaches and teams in ensuring that all players play 50% game time.

*Note: players should be rotated through a variety of positions on the field in each line, not straight up and down the “spine” or only on the left or on the right side of the field. Coaches and Team Managers must ensure that this policy is adopted and relates directly to **BYLAW #1 – The Spirit of Junior Football**.*

Coaches can be cited and/or deregistered for not adhering to this policy.