

**2024 Australian Football 12 Years and Under Boys
School of Sport Education NT Championship Rules.**

12 Years and Under Championship Model:

- Compulsory components: Round Robin matches, PD sessions, Pool Matches, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Skills session and Mix and Match Activity can be incorporated into warm up, excursion or PD session.
- All teams to play a Round Robin against each other each in shortened games. If too many teams, each will play a minimum of 5 Round Robin Games with at least one game against teams in each ability level.
- Pools will be determined to accommodate 2 groups of most similar ability – Pools do not need to have similar numbers of team in each – all teams will play against each other in their Pool. There will be no finals or play offs.
- If insufficient team numbers or just a small number of nominations, a full round robin could be played with no Pool games.
- Mix 'n Match activity which may or may not be related to the sport. The purpose is to mix all competing players into composite teams to encourage socialisation.
- Skills Session. In Region teams, students rotate through skill activities.

Codes of Conduct:

- Sport Education NT Codes of Conduct will apply to students, officials and spectators throughout the event. These are printed elsewhere in this Program.
- In all School Sport NT Programs, positive coaching is permitted only from the “specific sports” designated area by the appointed team officials. Coaching should be used to enhance the individual's skill development and improve gamesmanship at the moment of need.

Safety:

- Permanent and steel Goal posts must be padded.
- Mobile or modified posts should be securely embedded in the ground.
- Mouthguards are strongly encouraged but not compulsory.
- Sunsmart and Blood Rule information are provided in the Championship Program.

Team Size:

- Region teams up to 18 students.
 - 12 on field players. (3 'lines' of 4 players)
- NB** Interstate selection will be for 23 students, 18 on the field at one time



Age:

- Ages are to be calculated as at 31 December in the year of competition.
- Students must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e., born no later than 2014, and a maximum of 12 years – i.e., born no earlier than 2012.
- There is no Age Dispensation.

Equipment / Playing Area:

- Recommended oval size is 110m x 80m.
- Size 3 ball to be used.
- Numbered Jumpers should be worn at all times. Players should keep the same number throughout the Championship.

Playing Rules:

The Sport Education NT policy that all players have equitable playing time shall apply

Each student must play on each day of the 12 Years & Under Championship.

Round Robin Games: 2 x 15-minute halves. 7-minute half time break.

Pool Games: 2 x 15-minute halves. 7-minute half time break

Australian Football League (AFL) rules shall apply except for:

- One bounce only is allowed – player must then dispose of the ball
- No deliberate kicking off the ground – including attempts to score
- No boundary throw-ins – when a ball goes out of bounds, a free kick is awarded to the nearest opposition player - A player cannot score from a last touch free.
- Out of bounds on the full' rule applies in all circumstances
- Umpires may apply a maximum of 25 metres penalty.
- A player sent off may be replaced immediately. The convenor, in consultation with the umpire, shall determine whether further action is required.

Points:

Pool Game points are as follows:

Win 3

Draw 2

Loss 1



Team Trophies/Medallions:

Pool A: Sport Education NT, Wally Mauger perpetual trophy

Sport Education NT medallions presented to winning team members -players and officials

Round Robin points do not carry over to Pool matches.

Awarded to the team/s with the highest number of points in the Pool A Matches.

Joint winners apply as differentiating by percentages, goal differences, extra times etc. are not within the 12 Years & Under Championship philosophy.

Pool B: Sport Education NT perpetual trophy

Sport Education NT medallions presented to winning team members – players and officials

One team will receive the Sportsmanship Award. Each team will vote after discussion between players and officials for the team they believe showed the best sportsmanship and attitude, on and off the field of play.

Individual Awards:

Not applicable within the Championship Philosophy.

Officials:

- Umpires are sought through the AFLNT Umpiring Academy
- Coaches or Managers are to keep score of the game and hand the signed score card to the Convenor at the completion of each game.
- Timekeeping will be the responsibility of the Convenor.
- The Convenor will arrange a briefing for all team officials each morning/afternoon.

Judiciary:

- All breaches of the Sport Education NT Codes of Conduct by student, team officials, volunteers, parents etc. shall be referred to the judiciary, which is established at the pre-event meeting.