



# MEMORANDUM

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To: All Community Competitions  
From: Competition Manager  
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## Members

The [Community Competition Rules 2025 Version 1.0](#) is now available from the FSC Website.

There have been significant changes to sections as outlined below. Contributions were received from Clubs, Councils, Subcommittees and FSC Management team. The final draft was presented to the FSC Board who reviewed the changes and approved the rules for 2025.

## Major Changes

### 1. Section B – Organisation to Competitions

B2, B4 and B5 have been rewritten to streamline the process for initial organisation of structure and allocating teams into divisions as per the decision of the Board. (See minutes from May).

### 2. Section C – Venues

This has been rewritten with the following additions:

Changes Rooms and Ground Tidiness  
Prohibited Items  
Spectator Viewing

Also included in this section are the **NEW requirements for Match Day Supervisor (Junior) and Match Marshalls and Jacketed Officials** (Formally in Section G and updated). In short, every team from U6 to O45 Men, will need a person to be a Match Marshall for their team and the home team would provide as also provide a jacketed official.

For Adult competitions, the number of persons required in this area has not changed just the title.

For Junior competition and Mini Roos there is a change which requires an adult from each team to be a Match Marshall.

Removed and inserted as a new section D are the requirements about the Field of Play.

All other sections afterwards are subsequently renamed E, F, G, ...

### 3. Section F – Fixtures

F12 – Wet Weather has been modified and will refer to the Wet Weather Policy which is in the Appendix area

### 4. Section G – Competition Points

G2 – League ranking will use average points.

It should be noted that when all matches are played in the league then the team rankings are the same whether using average points or competition points.

### 5. Adult All Age Competitions and Master's Competitions

From the review of the All-Aged Men competitions, there will still be the opportunity for clubs to enter two grades as before. However, clubs can now enter multiple teams into a division competition (no grades).

In the review of the Women's Competition, there is now the opportunity to endeavour to create an O40W competition.

With those reviews, competition rules have been rewritten for the Community Adult competitions. This included:

- a) Defining Over competitions so that it is consistent. B3
- b) Forfeit for abandoned game due to colour clash E1 (e)
- c) Rescheduling of matches for adult competitions (Wet Weather) with the process changed. F15
- d) The minimum number of players in a team is 15 with no maximum. I2
- e) Borrowing Rules AA with most restrictions removed and a protection for the lowest division J6.
- f) Borrowing Rules Masters simplified J7.
- g) Borrowing Rules for finals M6.

**Other changes** – Some tidy up in clauses AND IN

#### ALL COMPETITIONS

H8, J1 - Updating steps required for match sheet entry and that the referee needs to complete the match sheet at the end of the match. Added b) in the event Dribl is down.

#### JUNIOR COMPETITION

F4 - Period of Play for U9's – 25 minutes each way

#### I3 – Player Movement Rule

Changes as per previous correspondence. However, after the online meeting, the Junior Council agreed to change the definition for exemption player.

**Exception player'** = Player approved for an exemption by FSC or a movement player who played in Division 3 or lower.

#### MEN'S COMMUNITY COMPETITION

Removal of Club Championship from the competition rules. Council may develop another model.

B7 – rewritten for possible promotion to Men's District League