# Appendix C – 2027 North West Junior Leagues Rules

## North West Junior Leagues Rules & Regulations

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| **Age Criteria** | U9s: Children born in 2018 & 2019<br>U10s: Children born in 2017 & 2018<br>U11s: Children born in 2016 & 2017<br>U12s: Children born in 2015 & 2016 |
| **Number of players** | 9-a-side including goalkeeper<br>Maximum 5 substitutes<br>Total 14 players |
| **Field of play** | 18-yard box to 18-yard box of main pitch<br>Width of pitch between 40m & 50m<br>Cones used to mark the pitch |
| **Goal size** | Minimum 5m wide x 2m high |
| **Ball size** | Size 4 |
| **Duration of Game** | 25min halves<br>5min half time break |
| **Penalty area** | 10m deep x 20m wide<br>Penalty spot 8m from goal line |
| **Offsides** | No - Need to encourage kids to not stand in offside positions |
| **Goal Keepers** | Not allowed to kick or drop kick ball directly from their hands<br>Players must be 10m away from penalty area until ball is in play<br>Ball is in play when ball is outside the penalty area or goalkeeper puts on ground. |
| **Interchange** | There is no limit of interchanges, and it should be priority for equal playing time<br>Interchange can occur whilst the ball is in play |
| **Free Kicks** | All free kicks are in-direct free kicks.<br>Players from opposition need to be at least 5m away from the free kick spot |
| **Match Sheets** | No match sheets are required; however, players are required to be mapped to a team in DRIBL before playing |
| **Corners** | Yes |
| **Results recorded** | No |
| **Ladder** | No |
| **Finals** | No |