Further resources and website references

Useful websites
Australian Football League  afl.com.au
State and Territory Affiliates
AFL NSW/ACT  aflswact.com.au
AFL Northern Territory  aflnt.com.au
AFL Queensland  aflq.com.au
AFL Victoria  aflvic.com.au
South Australian National Football League  sanfl.com.au
West Australian Football Commission  wafootball.com.au
Australasian Legal Information Institute  austlii.edu.au
Australian Sports Commission  ausport.gov.au
Child Wise and ECPAT  childwise.net
Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian  childcomm.qld.gov.au
Commissioner for Children Tasmania  childcomm.tas.gov.au
Department for Families and Communities South Australia  familiesandcommunities.sa.gov.au
Department of Sport and Recreation Western Australia  dsr.wa.gov.au
National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect  napcan.org.au
New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation, Child Protection and Employment Screening  dsr.nsw.gov.au

Northern Territory Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport  nt.gov.au/dlghs/
Office for Recreation and Sport, South Australia  recsport.sa.gov.au
Play by the rules  playbytherules.net.au
Scale plus Law Resource, Attorney General’s Department  scaleplus.law.gov.au
School Sport Australia  schoolsport.edu.au
Sport and Recreation Queensland  srq.qld.gov.au
Sport and Recreation Tasmania  development.tas.gov.au/sportrec/
Sports Medicine Australia  sma.org.au

Research
The Next Generation Australian Football Match Policy: For the conduct of the game for junior players aged 5-18 years is based on the Australian Sports Commission’s (ASC) Junior Sport Framework. The ASC developed the Junior Sport Framework (JSF) to assist sports in making informed decisions about establishing fun, safe and friendly junior sport environments and experiences for children and young people.

It was imperative the JSF be informed by contemporary research. To this end, the ASC commissioned a set of briefing papers. The papers have been prepared by nationally and internationally recognised authorities who have provided input in their areas of expertise.

Each paper takes a significant issue that is relevant across the majority of Australian sports, and draws upon research from studies conducted with children through to young adults, and on recreational through to elite participation. The papers bring to light the importance of providing a sporting experience that is positive and rewarding for children and young people. Safety, enjoyment, inclusion, understanding, support and learning are pivotal to building the foundations for lifelong sporting engagement.

The rules and procedures contained in the Next Generation Australian Football Match Policy have been refined through continual research and evaluation over many years. The JSF briefing papers have provided invaluable contemporary research to support the policy’s development.
The ASC has recently published the briefing papers in the form of a booklet called Junior Sport Matters, which is available for sale through the ASC’s publications unit ausport.gov.au/about/publications/corporate_documents.

Australian Sports Commission – Junior Sports Framework Briefing Papers

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   Leeds Metropolitan University, UK
   Wolf-Dietrich Brettschneider Paderborn University, Germany
   Chris Auld
   Griffith University, Australia

2. The functions of sport delivery systems at national, state and local levels in Australia
   Chris Auld
   Department of Tourism, Leisure, Hotel and Sport Management
   Griffith University, Australia

3. Legislation related to safe and appropriate junior sport delivery
   Steve Bennett
   Blake Dawson Waldron, Lawyers, Brisbane

4. Preparation of personnel responsible for junior sport delivery
   Chris Auld
   Department of Tourism, Leisure, Hotel and Sport Management
   Griffith University, Australia

5. Coaching and officiating for junior sport participants
   Jean Côté
   School of Kinesiology and Health Studies
   Queen’s University, Canada
   Wade Gilbert
   Kinesiology Department
   California State University, USA

6. Health and welfare of junior sport participants
   Sue Hooper, Stewart Trost and Murray Phillips
   School of Human Movement Studies, The University of Queensland, Australia

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