

JUNIOR FINALS ARRANGEMENTS 2024

ENTRY: All Officiating Umpires will be issued with one Match Day pass on a Wednesday night at training. If you are unable to make it is the responsibility of the umpire to make arrangements to get a pass or cover the entry fee as per the RDFNL. As entry for those under 17 are free it is encouraged that the match day pass be used for a parent or guardian to take you to the game.

TIME ON: The clock will under ‘exceptional circumstances’ as stipulated in the RDFL Junior By- Laws. Umpires are still encouraged to signal and blow their whistle.

STRETCHER: Any time lost as a result of a stretcher coming onto the ground in the first half will have to be made up in the shortening of the second half. Time lost in the second half will result in shortened quarters. This is the same during the H&A season.

DRAWN GAMES: In the case of a drawn game, the goal umpires will confirm the scores. Then: -

- Players may have a 3 minute break, and be addressed by the coach;
- Change ends for a 5 minute quarter), then change ends for the second 5 minutes;
- There is to be no break between the two 5 minute quarters;
- If the score remains level at the end of the 10 minutes, play is to be re-started with a centre bounce, and the first score wins.

PAPERWORK: All paperwork is the same as the home-and-away season, except we don’t give votes. The original of any Report of Player forms are to be left in the match-day envelope. Leave completed paperwork in the rooms after the game.

FOOTBALLS: All match balls will be provided by the RDFNL Ground Manager. The host club must also provide a ball marshal behind each goal to retrieve footballs over the fence.

PENALTIES: U11’s – 10m penalty U13’s & U15’s & Youth Girls – 25m penalty U17’s – 50m penalty

SEND-OFF’S: Players sent off cannot return to the field for 15 minutes regardless of age. A yellow card can be used for a ‘cool-off’ period or minor reportable offence whilst a red card is used for serious reports. In any instance the player cannot be replaced until the expiration of the send-off period.

Grade	Qtr Length (Mins)	Time On	¼ Time Break (Mins)	½ Time Break (Mins)	¾ Time Break (Mins)
Under 17	20	No*	3	8	3
Under 15	16	No*	3	6	3
Under 13	14	No*	3	6	3
Under 11	12	No*	2	4	2
Youth Girls	15	No*	5	7	5

* except as above

RUNNERS: One runner is permitted in U11's and U13's and two in U15's and U17's. Only one is allowed on the ground at a time. Usual rules apply with regard to delivering a message only and no coaching or supporting.

WATER CARRIERS/TRAINERS: A maximum of 4 of these type of volunteers are allowed, and they can be either water carriers or trainers. Strictly no delivering messages, coaching or supporting. Water is to be delivered during breaks in play. (i.e after a goal is scored). Free Kicks should be paid if water carriers are in the direct vicinity of the play.

UMPIRE ESCORTS: An escort must be provided by each club as per usual home-and-away arrangements.

GROUND MANAGER: Speak to the RDFNL Ground Manager if you have any concerns. Please also lean on your Senior Umpires if you are unsure.

GRAND FINALS BOG: In grand finals you will be asked to nominate a best player for the Ground Manager.

DRESS: You are encouraged to wear your Riddell Umpires shirt and jacket as required in the senior competition. If you don't have the dress shirt and jacket, you must be dressed neatly and professionally. Your on-field attire should be clean and neatly presented. If you are doing multiple games, you should aim to have clean uniform for every game.

...and don't forget to have fun!