2023 SMJFL Rule Variation Matrix

	Girls								Mixed						Boys		
	8,9 & 10	11 (Excluding Div 1)	U11 Div 1 and 12	U13	U14	U15	16	18	8	9 & 10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Regulations																	
Ground size	Modified (approved)	Modified (approved)	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Modified (approved)	Modified (approved)	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
# players *on ground*	9 (12)	9 (12) *	12 (16) **	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	16 (18)	16 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)	14 (18)
Ball type	Syn only	Syn only	Syn/Leather	Syn/Leather	Syn/Leather	Syn/Leather	Leather	Leather	Syn only	Syn only	Syn / Leather	Syn / Leather	Leather	Leather	Leather	Leather	Leather
Ball size	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	2	2	3	3	4	4	full size	full size	full size
Quarter duration (mins)	10	12	15	15	15	15	15	17	10	12	15	15	15	15	20	20	20
Break length 1/4 - 1/2 - 3/4 time	3-6-3	3-6-3	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-6-3	3-6-3	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-8-5	3-10-5	3-10-5	3-10-5
Scoreboard	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Results	Yes (not published)	Yes (not published)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes (not published)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Best & Fairest/Goals	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finals	Lightning Carnival	Lightning Carnival	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Lightning Carnival		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laws																	
Tackling	Modified	Modified	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Modified		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bumping	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stealing the ball	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barging	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smothering	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fending off	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shepherding	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bouncing the ball	1 max	1 max	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	1 max	1 max	Unlimited						
Kicking off the ground	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ball ups	Nominated players of equal size		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nominated players of equal size		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Throw-ins	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Distance over which marks are paid	0m (reasonable attempt)	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	15m	0m (shows control)	0m (shows control)	15m	15m	15m	15m	15m	15m	15m
Distance penalty	10m	10m	25m	25m	25m	25m	25m	25m	10m	10m	25m	25m	25m	25m	25m	50m	50m
Play on whilst advancing	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zones	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Deliberate out of bounds	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deliberately rushed behind	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wait for flag after point	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Set playing positions	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Umpires																	
# field umpires	Club Appointed (2)	Club Appointed (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	Club Appointed (2)	Club Appointed (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Boundary umpires*	✗	✗	Club Appointed (2)	Club Appointed (2)	✓ (League Appt Div 1 & 2 only)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	Club Appointed (2)	Club Appointed (2)	Club Appointed (2)	✓ (League Appt Div 1 & 2 only)	✓	✓	✓

*In U11 Division 2 and below: if both teams have at least 17 players on the team sheet at the start of the game, both teams must play with 15 players on the field.

**If both teams have at least 20 players on the team sheet at the start of the game, both teams must play with 18 players on the field.

Where no SMJFL Boundary Umpire is appointed, the field umpire will conduct a ball up 10 metres inside the field of play adjacent to where the ball crossed the line.