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## Club Presidents and Admins

### RE: 2024 JUNIOR LEAGUE & MINIROOS DATES, MATCH TIMES & COMPETITIONS STRUCTURE

Dear Clubs,

This memorandum provides you with information about dates, re-grading period, match times, U13 SAP League and U13 playing format for 2024 season.

#### Rationale for Key Dates (2024)

Round 1 for all Junior League is currently scheduled to start on the weekend of 4/5 May 2024.

- Families are away and take annual leave during the school holidays to look after school age children, adding to the administrative burden of preparing for the upcoming season.
- The 2024 season will be starting later than the 2023 season, which relieves an extra burden on club volunteers during school holidays.
- Clubs not having the same amount of time as previous years to organise teams and communicate with parents.
- Clubs are likely to forfeit matches due to not having enough numbers and families being away during the school holiday period.

**Capital Football have approved the Junior Leagues and MiniRoos competitions for 2024, including a 16-Round competition, with a final series for Under 16s and Under 18s competitions. Capital Football will not schedule any round/s on the following dates: -**

- 25 & 26 May (Reconciliation Day Long Weekend)
- 6 & 7 July (Weekend prior to the 2024 Kanga Cup) (excluding Under 16s/Under 18s)
- 13 & 14 July (Weekend post the 2024 Kanga Cup)

Capital Football's preference is to put the make-up matches on the Reconciliation Day Long Weekend, 27 & 28 May 2024. We're aware that this also poses issues, however it's not appropriate for us to put fixtures on the weekend prior or post Kanga Cup with player loads.

We're aware that the knock-on effect of the above changes means the Key Dates and Timelines actions will change slightly. We will update these accordingly.

#### Re-Grading Period

After the completion of Round 4 of the season, CF will commence the re-grading prior to the start of Round 5 so clubs can appropriately change the bookings with ACT Sportsgrounds for the winter allocations. The points table/ladder will be reset once the re-grading draws are finalised. The premiership rounds will be counted from Round 5 to Round 16 of the season.

**Please note- Even if the teams don't move from the divisions the ladder will still be reset.**



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## Match Times

Junior League & MiniRoos competitions match times will remain same as 2023 winter season.

See below for the 2024 match time schedule.

2024 JL Match Times	
10s	11:30am
11s & 13s	12:30pm
12s & 14s	1:45pm
15s, 16s & 18s	3:10pm

## SAP (Skill Acquisition Phase) League for U13s age group

Capital Football will implement a SAP League for U13 age groups (Open and Girls). The clubs will be required to apply for a Team License to register for the Capital Football SAP League program. This program is not mandatory for the clubs, but it is recommended as it will increase number of rounds (Weekdays and Weekends) and development of the players.

Please note- There would be Junior League in conjunction with the SAP league for the U13 age group (Open and Girls). Also, the players can only register for 1 team only as per FA regulations. (E.g., John Smith registers to play U13 SAP league then the player will not be able to register into U13 Junior League teams, but they will be able to be borrowed according to the competitions regulations and vice versa).

**The further detailed information will be shared to the clubs separately.**

## U13 Age group Change in Playing Format (Junior League and SAP league)

Capital Football is currently exploring the options of the changing the playing format for Under 13s in accordance with Football Australia Directives. Other member federations across Australia including Football NSW, Football Victoria, and Football Queensland. Further information regarding the potential change will be communicated to the clubs in the coming weeks. This change would mean that Under 13s will change to box- to- box or half-field format (as per club preference and availability of the fields), including a 9v9 structure.

The playing format and Rules for Under 13 is attached to this email.

If the clubs have any questions, then please email Akshay Shah-  
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Kind Regards,

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