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Amendments to Under 18 Football Rules (match ball colour selection)

At the March 2023 BFNL Presidents meeting, a club proposal was submitted regarding consideration of the colour of ball (red or yellow) that is used for any regular season Under 18 matches, dependent on variable match day environmental factors such as morning dew, dim, wet, or slippery conditions that may be more suited to a specific type or colour of football.

As agreed by club President's and captured within the March 2023 meeting Minutes, please find below BFNL approved amendments to section **23. Footballs** (*page 45*), of the 2023 BFNL Rules and Regulations handbook (amendments captured in red):

23. FOOTBALLS

- All footballs used for matches will be determined by the BFNL including any sponsor brand requirements.
- Footballs for all senior, reserves and Under 18 games will be Size 5
- Two new branded footballs are to be provided by the home Club in each senior match.
- Two suitable branded footballs in good order and condition are to be provided by the home Club for each Reserve and Under 18 matches.
- *For Under 18 matches only, dependant on the variable match day environmental factors such as morning dew, dim, wet, or slippery conditions, the home club shall be responsible to select the colour of ball used for each match, either red or yellow, provided any ball used meets the outlined sizing and branding requirements.*
 - *The Home club is also responsible to notify both the opposition team and appointed match umpires of the colour selection for any Under 18 match football.*
 - *Once any game has commenced, the colour of football selected prior to the match (either red or yellow) must be used for the entire match and cannot be switched at any stage during a match.*
- In finals, branded footballs will be provided by Bendigo Football Netball League.

The BFNL Board retain the right to review or revoke this additional clause at any time.



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