



AFL NINES **RULES**

**QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
TO AFL NINES RULES**

GROUND SIZE

100m x 50m (max)

GAME TIME

2 x 20-minute half

BALL SIZE

Youth Size 3 - synthetic

Senior Size 4 (Women's) -
synthetic or soft touch

Size 5 (Men & mixed) -
synthetic or soft touch

ZONES

Only for starting and at Umpire discretion. Kicks must be within or forward one zone only.

Kicking over zones = free kick

TEAM NUMBERS

Youth 9 on field

Senior 9 a side, minimum 3 females

MARKING

Any distance, any reasonable attempt.
Shows control.

BOUNCES

1 bounce allowed

TURNOVER ON BALL TOUCHING GROUND

Dropped attempting mark = no
Dropped via handball = yes

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

By kick and hands - a kick is awarded to the opposite team.

KICKING OFF GROUND

No

SCORING

Only Forwards who are identified by wearing a wristband may score. Players must kick from within the forward zone. Unable to score from turnover or out of bounds free kick.

TACKLING

No - One handed touch as tackle. 'Holding the ball' if had prior opportunity, otherwise three seconds to dispose of.

PLAYER ROTATION

Every player must play a minimum of 50% game time (excluding injured players). Sub at any time. Rotations officiated via honesty system.

MERCY RULE

Youth	Capped margin of 60 points
Senior	No

*** If any decision is in doubt please ball it up.
Report any issues or umpire abuse to the
competition manager.*